

## Pact Signed To End Fund-Raising Split

Charges Not Confirmed Yet, But

### Real Danger Exists In DP Law, USNA Admits; Seeking Changes

By JERRY RANSOHOFF

National Jewish Post Correspondent  
CINCINNATI (NJF)—The United Service for New Americans took indirect and gingerly notice this week for the first time of charges that the 1948 U. S. Refugee Law opens the way for a flood of Hitler's ace pogromists coming into the U. S. in the guise of DPs.

The charges, first made by Abraham G. Duker, noted U. S. Jewish educator, have since been buttressed by a survey of European DP camps made by a correspondent of the N. Y. POST.

Duker, in reporting on the alleged threat, also charged that U. S. Jewish organizations had aided in the development of the danger by their strategy when the act was under consideration by the 80th congress.

Duker also charged that the Jewish organizations had failed subsequently to press for more effective screening of DPs now coming to the U. S. under that law. He named the United Service for New Americans among the groups. (NJF, Nov. 12)

(U. S. Catholic leaders for the first time took notice this week of such charges. They made a counter-charge of an attempt to discredit the whole law. Details elsewhere in this issue.)

William Rosenwald, honorary president of USNA, major agency for aiding Jewish immigrants after their arrival in the U. S. joined with Harry N. Rosenfield of the Displaced Persons Commission, in expressing belief that the law would be amended.

They made their comments at a conference of the East Central States region of USNA here.

They said the law would be amended so that it would be less prejudicial to Jewish DPs and more stringent in its admission of the "volk-Deutsche," who Duker charged were largely passive Nazis or Nazi collaborators.

Rosenfield said that it is the "volk-Deutsche" provisions of the law that admit the possible Nazi killers and that the DP commission has no control over their admissions.

"DPs who are admitted by the commission are carefully screened by the Army's counter-intelligence corps, and the Act, itself, specifically denies admission to the U. S. to anyone who is trained, either by Nazism or Communism," he said.

Rosenwald listed as clauses which should and probably would be eliminated those referring to the "cut-off" date December, 1945, which makes many Jews ineligible; restrictive group clauses, pertaining to Baltic groups and farm workers; and the "mortgage" against future immigration.

He said that while the USNA is not the organization to take steps to have the law amended, "work is being done in the proper channels" to correct these injustices.

It was also learned that the USNA has received numerous complaints but that none of the charges appear to be substantiated to date.



WILLIAM ROSENWALD

### Stern Leaders Plead Not Guilty

JERUSALEM — (WNS) — Nathan Friedman-Yellin and M. Shmuelewitz, accused of violating anti-terrorist regulations, and of directing and organizing terrorist activities since September 29, 1948, went on trial here before a three member military court.

As the trial opened, the defendants interposed a plea of not guilty, and requested the court's permission to act as their own attorneys. The court granted their request.

The two Sternist leaders are facing prison terms up to 20 years, if convicted. The Stern group had been outlawed as a terrorist organization shortly after the assassination of Count Folke Bernadotte by alleged members of the outlawed group. The trial is expected to last more than a week, with Prime Minister David Ben Gurion a possible witness.

The indictments do not mention the assassination of Count Bernadotte, for which a splinter group in the Stern group has accepted responsibility.

### First National Conference Announced

### CPZ Will Nominate Complete Slate For Next ZOA Conclave—Margolies

National Jewish Post  
NEW YORK—The Committee for Progressive Zionism, formal internal opposition to the present leadership of the Zionist Organization of America, announced this week it plans to nominate a complete slate of officers for the next ZOA convention.

Morris Margolies, CPZ executive, said a CPZ national conference will be held in mid-January either in Atlantic City or Philadelphia.

Margolies disclosed that the CPZ will not seek to build up a rival grass roots organization. This was regarded as of special significance because of ZOA counter-charges that the CPZ was unable to win rank-and-file support in ZOA regions.

"We will become the formal loyal opposition fighting for the reorganization of the ZOA structure which the present leadership of the ZOA promised us but did nothing to bring about," Margolies said.

Quiet Since July  
The CPZ has been inactive since it made a bid for power at the 51st annual convention in Pittsburgh last summer and was defeated. (NJF July 9)

The long-dormant official opposition to the leadership of Dr. Abba Hillel Silver and President Emanuel Neumann returned to the political arena in June this year.

It set forth as its planks demands for a reorganization of the existing fund-raising machinery for Israel; a fight for "greater democracy" in the operations of the huge ZOA; and an effort to develop a single Zionist structure in the United States.

Subsequently Henry Monitor, then chief of the United Palestine Appeal and a leading member of the CPZ, charged that ZOA con-

trol of UPA funds was being used to influence internal Israel policy.

#### Endorsed COC

The CPZ remained silent in the fight that developed until two weeks ago when it endorsed the demands of the opposition Committee of Contributors. By that time Monitor apparently had dropped out of both the COC and CPZ scene.

## POLITICAL QUAKES ROCKING DEFEATED ARAB COUNTRIES

AMMAN, Transjordan—The prospect of steadily-spreading disorders in the Arab states that attacked Israel mounted this week as King Abdullah of Transjordan made fresh moves toward annexing Arab Palestine.

Rioting swept the capitals of Egypt, Syria and Lebanon. In the latter two Arab states, governments were deposed under the impact of the swelling unrest.

The Egyptian Government announced it would take severe measures against the Moslem Brotherhood, ultra-reactionary nationalist organization. The Brotherhood is believed to have a major hand in the rioting.

Troops were keeping order in Damascus and Cairo. First reports that the Cairo chief of police had been killed by a hand grenade were replaced by new ones that he had only been wounded and then murdered in the hospital.

### LOCAL FUNDS GET 40 PERCENT ON UPA BOARD; COC MEET OFF

National Jewish Post

NEW YORK—The threat of two major fund-raising drives in the United States next year for Israel was erased this week by a formal agreement between the United Palestine Appeal and the opposition Committee of Contributors.

Under the agreement, signed Tuesday night, the COC agreed to cancel its national conference of local funds called for Dec. 11-12 in Atlantic City. The agreement was announced by the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, the mediator.

The agreement provided for 40 per cent representation on the board of the UPA by local funds, as against the 30 per cent offered by the Zionist Organization of America leaders at the UPA conference in Chicago in October.

On the crucial issue of ZOA control of the UPA and over handling of UPA funds, the agreement set up provisions for more elastic operation of the UPA board and specified that funds will go direct to the principal beneficiaries.

The principal beneficiaries are the Jewish Agency for Palestine and the two constituent agencies of the UPA—The Jewish National Fund and the Palestine Foundation Fund.

The agreement specified that the funds were to be remitted directly to the Israel offices of the beneficiaries, listing specifically the Jewish Agency.

The 1949 treasurer is Dr. Israel Goldstein, a leader in the ZOA control of the UPA.

The agreement, however, included a series of checks and balances, as well as machinery for handling disputes.

The agreement specified that final authority rests with the head offices in Israel of the agencies concerned. In respect to the Jewish Agency, that would mean the Agency executive, which is made up of all Zionist parties.

Another example of the checks and balances was the provision that representation on the UPA board will be determined by the UPA but in consultation with the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds and with a subcommittee of the COC.

That provision implied that the COC would continue in existence but that could not be verified.

A special portion of the agreement dealt with "special grants and allocations," a key element in the dispute.

#### Checks And Balances

The agreement provided that the JNF and PFF could continue to consider proposals in that category but all such recommenda-

tions must be submitted to the UPA for action before the recommendations can be sent to the JNF and PFF offices in Israel.

The board of the UPA will elect its own officers and executive committee, determine its administrative budget, staff personnel rules of procedure. How this phase of the agreement will affect the five working officers of the UPA who resigned in protest against the new UPA executive director was not immediately learned.

The five quit when Harry Shapiro was named to succeed Henry Monitor, whose resignation as executive director touched off the battle.

#### Board Control Lessened

The agreement also provided for mail or telegraph votes in the UPA on major issues at the request of two members of the UPA executive committee. The COC had charged that the UPA executive committee—now dominated by the ZOA—had acted without calling the full UPA board into session.

The negotiations were opened by the CJFW shortly after the COC was formed in Pittsburgh. The CJFW has been negotiating steadily since.

The UPA signed an agreement previously and submitted it to the COC which revamped it and sent it back to the UPA which signed shortly before midnight Tuesday.

### Five States Provide Anti-Bias Protection

NEW YORK — (NJF) — Five states, four in the East, were listed this week as having provided exceptional protection for their residents against discrimination because of religion, race or national origin.

The American Jewish Congress listed them as New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts and Illinois.

#### Back in Service

ROME — (JTA) — The S. S. Pan Crescent, which carried Jewish refugees to Cyprus after making an unsuccessful attempt to land its passengers in Palestine before the termination of the British Mandate, sailed this week for Israel as a reconverted, full-fledged Israeli passenger vessel capable of carrying 2,800 passengers.



## Compromise Averts Public Uproar Over Charges Of Lax Kashrut Supervision At Boston Statler Hotel

By HARRY CUSHING

National Jewish Post Correspondent

BOSTON—A public controversy in Boston Jewish life was averted this week when the huge Statler Hotel agreed to revise its procedure on kosher functions after a heated dispute between two Boston rabbinical bodies.

The controversy began when the Vaad Harabonim here began to question the kashrut situation at the hotel. Rabbi R. V. Laudau, who has been supervising kashrut for Jewish functions at the Statler, was emphatic in his declaration that he had access to a complete set of kosher dishes which he kept under lock and key for use only for meals at Jewish events at the Statler.

The Vaad Harabonim, accepting the statement with reservations, checked further and received a letter from the national head of the Statler chain in which he declared that at no time did any of the Statler hotels maintain separate dishes.

At this point, the leader of the Orthodox Rab-

binical Council, a competing rabbinical group, declared that if a meal is prepared in a kosher manner but served in non-kosher dishes, the meal is not necessarily non-kosher.

The situation grew so heated that the Vaad Harabonim prepared to issue a public declaration charging laxity on kashrut at the hotel and warning the Jewish community that the hotel did not serve kosher meals.

The Jewish Community Council stepped in and persuaded the Vaad to withhold its proposed blast and a series of conferences were held with the Community Council as mediator.

The conferences resulted in an agreement that the supervision of kosher functions at the hotel will be continued. Hotel officials also agreed to provide a new set of dishes for use only at such functions.

It also was decided that Rabbi Laudau would continue to supervise kashrut at the Statler but he agreed to consult with a group of rabbis on maintenance of kashrut laws in the serving of meals at the hotel.

## New York

### WHAT A SHOW WAS PUT ON IN N. Y. FOR BEIGEN-PHOOEY!

By M. Z. FRANK

EVERYBODY who is a nobody joined the Big Parade to welcome Menachin Beigen in New York, Menachim Beigen, the Future Premier of the "Hebrew State," the "Little Fellow Who Licked the British," etc. etc. etc.

Everybody who is a nobody joined the Big Parade: A cheap vulgar roving from Borough Park; a former phoney literary tzigane; a graphomaniac plagiarist; self-hating Jews who can understand only bombs; innocent, well-meaning shkotzim from the Middle West; frustrated aspirants to glory; innocent Middle West politicians, etc. etc. They all joined the comic opera parade to welcome Menachim Beigen, the Little Fellow Who Licked the British, the Future Prime Minister of the "Hebrew State," etc. etc. etc.

What an imposing array of nonentities was that full-page advertisement of the committee! What a cheap melodramatic show was the reception and the parade! Not even a small-time Bar-Mitzvah ceremony of an upstart ignoramus could vie with it in haminess. Boy, what ham! What corn!

Mind you, I am not saying anything about the place of Beigen and the Irgun in the fight for freedom, or even about his political platform with its promise of democracy, virtue, patriotism and mother-love. (Dewey could not have been more vague!)

I am only commenting on the show in New York—it stank.

SPEAKING OF YIDDISH shows reminds me of the evening I spent with Ruth Gruber and Gregory Sanders at the Yiddish Street Theater seeing "The Voice of Israel."

No comment on the show; and I am too shy to discuss Ruth, except that she is putting out a second edition of her book. I mean to say a word about Gregory Sanders, my old friend from Montreal.

You are likely to know Gregory if (a) you live in Montreal; (b) you visit the Cafe Royal of the Yiddish Theater in New York; (c) you like an interesting, intelligent, vibrant and very human personality; (d) you are a famous personage yourself; (e) you are an interesting woman.

I don't think I have exhausted the full list of Gregory's friends and acquaintances; there must be some who have to be classified in other categories. I just know him because I once lived in Montreal. Gregory produces women's clothes for a living and comments on Jews for his own and friends' amusement.

THE WRITER OF THIS COLUMN is in a more fortunate position than Harold Ickes. Ickes complained in one of his recent columns that, since Henry Wallace rarely wears a hat, he cannot be accused of talking through it.

I have no such difficulty in replying to the executive director of the Agudath Israel, in his letter to the editor of last week's National Jewish Post. According to that letter, the Agudath Israel was never opposed to Jewish colonization in Palestine or even to the setting up of a Jewish State. I had said in my article that the organization gradually gave up its opposition and even began to participate in the work of upbuilding. I still think I gave the more accurate picture. The complainant complains that I used the word "group" to designate his organization, when in fact, it has branches all over the world. There is no contradiction in terms.

DAN FRISCH'S VIEWS on how to run the State of Israel and the Histadrut (Labor Federation) are interesting, in a way. But I would like to read his program on how to run the Zionist Organization of America. After all, Dan is not seeking office in the Parliament or the Government of the State of Israel, but in the ZOA, of which he wishes to become president.

The gallant citizens of the State of Israel can manage their own country, make their own mistakes and correct them, and solve their own problems. But the affairs of the ZOA will have to be run by its members and its officers. The ZOA has its share of statesmen. What it needs now is a set of good administrators, trying to reorganize and readjust the ZOA to the light of the new situation. I think Dan has great potentialities in that field. But when he discusses the affairs of the State of Israel and of the Histadrut, he is not helping either himself or the public, no matter how good his intentions.

NO MATTER WHO WINS in the current United Palestine Appeal fight, the State of Israel will have lost many millions at a time when it needs the money most urgently. With 20,000 immigrants coming in every month, there ought to be something better to do than fight around in this country about technicalities.

Another causality of the fight is Harry Shapiro, the newly-appointed executive director of the UPA to take Henry Montor's place. Anybody who envies him his job is a fool. Anybody who could see in his appointment anything more than the exploitation of the sense of duty of an honest, modest and able worker, is blinded by partisanship. I know something about organizations and staffs in New York. Nobody can compare with Harry in all those qualities that make a good executive and a decent comrade.

### Rabbis, Clergymen Join In Franco Blast

National Jewish Post

PHILADELPHIA—A statement condemning the Franco regime in Spain was issued here this week under the signatures of 14 Philadelphia rabbis and clergymen.

It set forth opposition to proposals to include Spain in either the Marshall Plan or the UN, because of "the repressive character of the Franco government." It also urged the UN General Assembly to employ economic and

diplomatic sanctions against Franco.

The statement was released by Rabbi D. A. Jessurun Cardozo, of Congregation Mikveh Israel, and Adele P. Margolis, executive secretary of the Spanish Refugee Appeal.

Signers, according to Rabbi Cardozo, include Rabbis J. Gerson Brenner, Hyman Chaover, Elias Charry, Sidney Greenberg, Meir Lasker, Samuel H. Markovitz, Matthew Rosen and Melech Shacter in addition to several Christian ministers of local congregations.

## NON-JEWS SUPPORTING ZIONISM MAKING MISTAKE, YALE PROF. SAYS

NEW YORK—Christians aiding Zionism in the belief that it will protect Jews from persecution are making a mistake, a Yale University professor told a meeting of the New York chapter of the anti-Zionist American Council for Judaism.

Dr. Richard Niebuhr, professor of Christian Ethics, said that he regarded Zionism "as a wholly inadequate answer to our problems and to the problem of the Jews."

He said it did not answer "the larger problem" of "doing justice to all Jews and doing justice to all of Judaism, which is a larger, more enduring and more important reality than can ever again be confined within the boundaries of one country."

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## Four Chaplains Chapel Ready In February

PHILADELPHIA — (NJP) —

The first formal service in the Chapel of the Four Chaplains will be held next February, it was announced here this week by Rev. Daniel A. Poling, chaplain of the memorial.

Construction work on the chapel, which will offer Jewish, Protestant and Catholic services, will be completed by then. It is located on the ground floor of Grace Baptist Temple, formerly headed by Dr. Poling, who resigned the pulpit of the Temple to devote his time to the Chapel.

It will honor the four chaplains who went down to their death when the troop ship Dorchester sank in the North Atlantic in 1943. One of the quartet was Rev. Clark V. Poling, Dr. Poling's son.

## British Revisionists Split Over Irgun

LONDON — (JTA) — A major split in the Revisionist Organization of Britain, with possible repercussions in all branches of the world movement, was revealed here this week.

Dr. I. Ben Ari, chairman of the British group, and Dr. S. Klinger, member of the world executive, explained at a press conference the backgrounds of attempts by members of the Irgun-sponsored Freedom Party to capture control of the organization.

Klinger said the Revisionist world executive had endorsed the decision of the British executive to postpone a conference called for last Sunday when "election manipulations proved that there was an organized attempt by the Freedom Party to wreck the party from within or deliver it to the Freedom Party's leaders," following the breakdown of negotiations in Tel Aviv for an agreement between the Revisionists and the Freedom Party.

Despite the decision to postpone the meeting, Ben Ari declared, the "dissidents met Sunday, constituting themselves a conference and unanimously voted non-confidence in the present executive." The dissidents elected a new executive, headed by Ivan Greenberg, former editor of the Jewish CHRONICLE.

Nice Place, Indeed

NEW YORK—(JTA)—The Israeli Government's consular offices here will occupy this week new headquarters in a former Vanderbilt town house in a choice residential section of Manhattan's upper East side, it was announced. The Israeli Government signed a ten-year lease on the building.



## Hecht Announces League's Dissolution

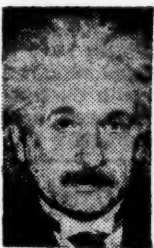
## Fascist Charges Hurlled At Beigen By Einstein, Council And Zionists

National Jewish Post Correspondent

The name of famed mathematician Albert Einstein appeared this week on one of the broadsides fired at the brief good will tour of the U. S. of Irgun commander Menachim Beigen.

Einstein was one of the signatories of a charge that U. S. Zionist organizations had refused to "expose the activities" of the head of the Irgun political arm, the Freedom Movement.

With only a week of his two-week tour finished, the 35-year-old chief of the Irgun had attracted attacks from such diverse groups and personalities as Prof. Sidney Hook, the famous philosopher; the anti-Zionist American Council for Judaism; Berl Locker, chief of the Jerusalem section of the Jewish Agency; the Rev. John La Farge, noted Catholic publicist; and CIO President Philip Murray.



EINSTEIN

The Council stepped into the dispute when the executive committee of its Washington chapter asked U. S. attorney Gen. Tom C. Clark to investigate Beigen's tour.

The Council also asked for a federal investigation into the "tax-free status of the organization sponsoring his visit," the American League for a Free Palestine. The League has been the chief Peter Bergson front in the U. S. for the now disbanded Irgun.

Simultaneously, Novelist Ben Hecht, long-time sparkplug for the League, announced its dissolution and his withdrawal from further political activity.

Hecht's announcement had been foreshadowed by an exclusive statement to The Post last week by the Los Angeles chapter of the League. The Los Angeles spokesman made it clear, however, that League supporters of the Irgun planned to swing into a campaign to publicize the Freedom Movement.

The Chicago chapter of the League told The Post it will go out of business on Dec. 31. Beigen's visit to that city ended in a banquet at which the Irgun chieftan made a very moderate speech obviously aimed at Mizrahi Zionists.

Mrs. Elmer J. Glover, president of the League's women's division, said that plans were underway to carry out in Chicago a campaign for the Freedom Movement similar to that planned in Los Angeles.

Beigen said in Chicago members of the Israeli provisional government expected the Freedom Movement to poll 15 to 20 per cent of the votes in the Israeli election Jan. 25.

## Locker Denounces Beigen

Locker told the Labor Committee for Palestine not to be deceived by Beigen. He denounced the Irgun and its party as "fascists, anti-democratic and the enemy within which is not less dan-

gerous than the enemy without," according to World Wide News Service.

In Chicago, Isaac Ben Zvi, president of the Jewish National Council of Israel (Vaad Leumi), said the Freedom Movement had learned its tactics from totalitarian teachers.

The Freedom Movement was labeled a "fascist party for which terrorism against Jews, Arabs and British, and lying and misrepresentation are means, and a 'Leader State' is the goal," in the statement signed by Einstein, Hook and a dozen other leading Jewish figures.

Samuel Merlin, a member of the central committee of the Freedom Movement, denounced the statement.

He said the charges of fascism "are outright falsehoods. There is not one scrap of truth in the charge."

The statement he assailed said that "the discrepancies between the bold claims now being made by Beigen and his party, and their record of past performance in Palestine bear the unmistakable stamp of a fascist party."

"Within the Jewish community, they have preached an admixture of ultra-nationalism, religious mysticism and racial superiority," the statement said. "Like other fascist parties, they have been used to break strikes and have themselves pressed for the destruction of free trade unions."

"It is all the more tragic that top leadership of American Zionism has refused to campaign against Beigen's efforts, or even to expose to its own constituents the dangers to Israel from support to Beigen," the statement said.

The League denounced the Washington chapter of the Council for its appeal to Attorney Gen. Clark.

## Thoroughly Impudent

"We consider it thoroughly impudent that people whose record has been one of anti-Zionism, if not anti-Semitism, should concern themselves so intimately with the reception given by Americans to an Israeli statesman,"

## New Crusade Hinted To 'Save' Jerusalem

LONDON—(WNS)—Intimation of a modern Christian Crusade against Israel was made here this week by Richard Graves, former British Mayor of Jerusalem, in an article in the "Daily Mail."

The author of the article threatened Israel with a Crusade in the event it refuses a territorial compromise and rejects internationalization of Jerusalem, including the New City.

Harry Louis Selden, chairman of the League, said.

Selden, in turn, sent a telegram asking Clark to investigate the action of Alfred N. Lillenthal, secretary of the Washington chapter of the Council.

Zionist organizations in Philadelphia maintained a complete silence on Beigen's visit to that city. On his first stop there, he attended a reception in the office of Maor Bernard Samuels and held a press conference before leaving for Chicago and the banquet there.

Last Sunday he returned to Philadelphia to be guest of honor at a banquet. Proceeds were listed as going to the "Rehabilitation Fund for Veterans of the Hebrew resistance."

On Monday he returned to New York to review 200 members of Betar, the youth arm of the Revisionist Zionists. The youngsters, ranging in age from 10 to 23 years, stood at attention as Beigen told them the fight for a Jewish State on both sides of the Jordan "must go on."

The Betar youth were dressed in brown shirts with blue collar points, black ties and black trousers or skirts.

Simcha Rosenberg, national Betar chief, warned about anti-Semitism in the U.S. and said "We are worried for the 5,000,000 Jews here. Some day they too may need a home."

## CATHOLICS ATTACK CHARGES OF NAZISM AGAINST NEW DPs

WASHINGTON—Catholic resettlement leaders this week challenged charges that Baltic Displaced Persons coming to the U.S. under the 1948 Refugee Law included many Nazi pogromists.

The challenge was contained in a resolution adopted at a meeting of the National Catholic Resettlement Council.

Msgr. Edward E. Swannstrom of New York, director of Catholic resettlement, assailed the charges as "the opening gun in an attempt to discredit the whole program."

He said the screening processes of the Army's Central Intelligence service was adequate.

"My answers to the critics is to go down to one of these boats and see the DPs come in. I have been there. I'll guarantee that those who go will find the finest kind of people," he said.

## Excellent Impression

He said that wherever the DPs had gone they had made such an excellent impression "as to serve as the best possible advertisement for the program."

He said so far 1,800 DPs had come in and that of this group, 1,000 were Catholics.

## The resolution said:

"We feel that the whole resettlement program, not only in the United States but elsewhere, has received a serious setback by reason of the inaccurate and divisive statements made by those who seem eager to inject racial considerations into what should be a humanitarian project."

The resolution added that "the National Catholic Resettlement Council wishes to congratulate the Department of the Army, operating through the CIC, for its excellent work in screening undesirable elements from those seeking resettlement."

The resolution also urged that the 1948 Law be broadened to remove restrictions on Jewish immigration.

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## DAY AND FORWARD THRASH EACH OTHER ON ZIONIST LOYALTY

By RABBI SAMUEL SILVER

THE DAY and the FORWARD are engaged in an editorial feud. The DAY is piqued over the fact that the FORWARD doesn't condemn Ernest Bevin often enough. The FORWARD rebukes the DAY for not condemning Soviet Russia enough. Both papers are trying to convince their readers that they are ardently Zionist.

The DAY points to its longtime Zionist record, and cries that the FORWARD's Zionism is dictated solely by circulation considerations. As a laborite paper, the FORWARD is caught in a dilemma between its approval of the



English Labor government and its chagrin over Bevin's anti-Jewish policy. Bitterly anti-Soviet, the FORWARD lashed out at the DAY for reprinting Ilya Ehren-

bourg's critique on Zionism. The DAY replied that it condemns Ehrenbourg, too, but that it is not afraid to print his statements. Back and forth the inky battle rages, though one can safely venture that East Broadway, where both newspapers are located, is as serene as ever.

## How Did This Fine Food Item Get Started.

What is the origin of the custom of eating "kreplach"? Tsvion, asked this question by a woman reader, says he doesn't know. He does know that "kreplach" are eaten not on major holidays, but on half-holidays, such as Purim, the day before Yom Kippur, and Hoshanna Rabbs. He suspects that the shape of the delicacy has something to do with the three-corner hamentash. "I would guess that the 'kreppel' is the grand-child of the hamentash," he writes in the FORWARD.

The State Department is

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charged by S. Margoshes in the DAY with deliberately excluding Jews from its delegation to the UNESCO sessions in Beirut in order to appease the xenophobic Lebanese. Mrs. Anna Rosenberg, the brainy, personable economist, and James Marshall, one-time head of the N. Y. Board of Education, served on UNESCO previously, but neither of them was reappointed by the State Department. Surely, this is more than a coincidence!

## Poor Rabbis! Such Questions They Are Asked About

Rabbi, does my mother walk to the left or the right when I walk up the aisle?

Rabbi, I want to name my daughter after someone named Chaim. Would Lana be all right?

Rabbi, could you write me a speech that I could give at a shower for my girl friend. Something humorous.

Rabbi, does the soloist at my wedding have to be Jewish?

These are some of the "shylos" which rabbis receive from their parishioners these days, complains Rabbi Solomon Moseson, of Albany, in an article for the Orthodox periodical, "Jewish Life." S. Jerome, of the AMERICAN, sympathizes with the rabbis, and wonders where in the Shulchan Aruch the answers to these queries can be found.

## Indifference Is Winner, Says Eisendrath

The most successful "movement" in Judaism is neither Orthodoxy, Conservatism, or Reform—but indifference, N. Zolowitz, of the FORWARD learned in an interview with Dr. Maurice Eisendrath, head of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

In an article refreshingly sympathetic to Reform for a Yiddish newspaper, Zolowitz expresses

## AJCommittee Plans For Tel Aviv Office Hit By Congress As Example of "Too Late Again"

NEW YORK—Plans of the American Jewish Committee to establish an office in Tel Aviv were sharply criticized by the American Jewish Congress as "another instance in which that body has been a few decades too late."

An editorial in CONGRESS WEEKLY listed the proposal as another case of the AJCommittee sticking "to its tradition of following too late rather than leading in time."

"Had such an office been established 25 years ago, the subsequent course of Jewish history might have been considerably altered," the editorial said. "The members of the Committee might conceivably have been enabled to understand the significance of Jewish Palestine a decade or two before 1947."

The comment was in reference to the fact that the AJCommittee has been non-Zionist since it was organized and only recently has

come out more and more openly in support of the political program of Zionism.

The editorial said it was difficult "to see what functions such an office can fulfil in 1948. No separate offices in Israel are needed to what is happening in that land; and we are hard put to understand what the Committee may be planning to export to Israel through its Tel Aviv branch."

The editorial charged that throughout its history the AJCommittee "has generally shrunk from pioneering in ideas. It has left the responsibilities and risks of trail-blazing to others, reserving for itself the role of cautious critic and opponent. When paths have been cleared and the journey rendered safe, it has usually been ready to rush in with the heavy equipment its resources can command, needlessly to cover ground which others have already traversed."

## Senate Considers Koch Case Still Open

WASHINGTON—The fate of Frau Ilse Koch, Buchenwald sadist, remains open as far as the Senate Investigating Committee is concerned, it was learned this week.

A committee source said that some errors had been found in the actions of an Arm Review on which the decision was based to commute the woman's life sentence to four years.

The source said the committee felt that this could be the basis for restoring the life sentence but added that the committee has not yet finished its report.

admiration for Dr. Eisendrath and quotes him at considerable length. Fully two-thirds of American Jews are not affiliated with religious institutions, said the Reform leader, and the efforts of the Union are directed not at the Orthodox but at the unsynagogued.

## Now There's A Union For Slaughterers

Want to become a shochet, mohel, chazzan, Torah-reader? A new school for such officiants has recently been opened in New York under the leadership of Rabbi Shlomo Stein, a Hebrew scholar and author. Strangely, this is one of the few institutions of this kind in the country, reports the JOURNAL's David Adelsberg. If you decide to become a shochet, you won't be able to practice in New York City. The union says the quota is full, and will not permit any newcomers into the field.

## James Wise' Son May Enter Rabbinate

James Waterman Wise disappointed his parents, the Stephen Wises, when he rejected the rabbinate as a career. But another Rabbi Wise may soon be in the making, gossips L. S. Beeley, in the AMERICAN; James' son may enter the seminary.

## Everything Will Work Out Okay, Report

## Future Of Americans In Israel Fighting Forces Under U.S. Study

NEW YORK—The future of the scores and perhaps hundreds of American citizens in the Israeli military forces is being studied by the American diplomatic mission to Israel, Kenneth Bilby reported this week in a copyrighted story in the N. Y. HERALD-TRIBUNE.

Bilby said that cases already have developed in which U. S. citizens have informed the Consulate at Tel Aviv that their work in the Israeli forces has been finished and they want to go home.

The Israeli Government has given the U. S. officials written assurance that Americans are not required to take the oath of allegiance when they enlist and Bilby indicated that this guarantee may have disposed of the issue of whether American passports still are good after service in a foreign army.

He said the Consulate ruled, after consulting with the U. S. State Department, that such Americans have not violated passport conditions. Bilby also reported that the U. S. mission has some problems of G.I. brides.

Some U. S. military veterans who came to Palestine to study at the Hebrew University have married local girls, Bilby reported. He said that the American G.I.'s have asked permission to re-enter the U. S. under the G.I. Bill of Rights. That procedure makes it unnecessary for the bride to have a visa.

Bilby said permission has usually been granted by the mission when the Israeli Government is willing to give exit visas to the brides.

## BRITISH LEADER FIRST WOMAN IN PHILADELPHIA PULPIT

PHILADELPHIA—The first woman to occupy the pulpit of Rodeph Shalom took over last Sunday to address a joint meeting of the Reform congregations and sisterhoods here.

She is Miss Lily H. Montagu, a leader of liberal Judaism in England for nearly 50 years, who is president of the Union of Liberal and Progressive Synagogues in the United Kingdom and also honorary secretary of the World Union for Progressive Judaism, both positions unique for her sex.

Miss Montague, of course, doesn't have the title of rabbi but she is probably the only woman leader of a Jewish congregation. She is a recognized lay preacher and has served as spiritual leader of London's West Central Congregation for more than 20 years.

She also has been a magistrate in the London Juvenile Courts for many years and active in the Na-

tional Union of Women Workers and the National Council of Girls' Clubs.

She told reporters here in an interview: "I think I have managed to overcome, in England at least, all the old traditions against women serving in the Reform Jewish ministry."

Speaking on the further advancement of liberal Judaism and the need for a world consciousness of the movement, she said it was active in Australia, India, South Africa, France and Holland.

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## Israel General Zionists Hint Nathan Tricked In Making Anti-Socialist Speech At AMPAL Meet

TEL AVIV, Israel—The General Zionist party of Israel suggested this week that Economist Robert Nathan had not been informed of the socialist orientation of AMPAL when he spoke at a meeting of that group in Philadelphia last summer.

Nathan told that meeting that "there will be no socialism" in Israel, a statement which was generally understood to be intended as a reassurance to potential U. S. investors in Israel industry.

The Israeli General Zionists called the speech an illustration of "the confusion" about conditions in Israel in the United States and said that the confusion was "possibly not entirely accidental."

The comment appeared in NATHAN the first bulletin of the party, which arrived in the United States this week.

The bulletin said Nathan's "bold prophecy" was made "despite the fact that a Socialist state is the avowed objective of the Palestine

Labor parties."

"It is all the more strange because it was made in the course of an address in support of the AMPAL company, which is appealing for additional capital," the bulletin said. "AMPAL is an affiliated organization of the Histadrut, which is dominated by the Israel Labor parties."

The bulletin said there was an interesting contradiction in the speech in which Nathan "used an argument running counter to the policy of the bodies governing AMPAL in order to encourage investments in that very company."

The General Zionists did not specifically accuse AMPAL officials of deliberately withholding that information from Nathan but raised the possibility in this concluding comment:

"Mr. Dickenstein, director of AMPAL, must feel rather ruffled at being placed by Mr. Nathan in the private investment sector, and Mr. Nathan will surely himself be ruffled when his presumed ignorance of the origin and purpose of AMPAL is explained to him."



## Fight Promised By Reform Judaism

### Rabbi Raps Rabbinical Council For World Jewish Court Talks

NEW YORK—(NJP)—Negotiations started last month by the Rabbinical Council of America with the Chief Rabbinate of Jerusalem on re-establishment in Jerusalem of a central religious authority for world Jewry were sharply challenged this week by other rabbinical spokesmen.

A promise of a battle against the move by the Orthodox Rabbinical Council was made by a reform leader, Rabbi Abraham L. Feinberg of Holy Blossom Temple in Toronto. The plans also were opposed by the RECONSTRUCTIONIST, organ of that group of rabbinical thinkers in the United States.

Rabbi Feinberg was honored on his fifth anniversary at Holy Blossom last week. He chose the occasion to make it plain that any such attempt "to establish a religious dictatorship would be resisted by Liberal (reform) Judaism."

He asserted that "the State of Israel cannot become a seat of world-wide religious authority. Jerusalem will not be the 'Rome' of world Jewry, just as Tel Aviv will not be its Washington or Ottawa."

#### No Direct Ties

"Jews in every land have the right and duty to fashion Judaism on the background of their own environment, with a maximal tie to tradition," Rabbi Feinberg said. "Liberal Judaism labors with faith that the Jewish spiritual genius can function anywhere on earth, however conscious it may be of rootage in ancient Palestine, and reliance on today's Israeli republic."

Then, turning to the negotiations announced recently by President Israel Tabak of the Rabbinical Council (NJP Nov. 12), Rabbi Feinberg said:

"The Rabbinical Council of America, which claims to represent two or three million Orthodox Jews in the United States and Canada, spoke only for itself when it recently announced steps toward the recognition of the Chief Rabbinate of Israel as the supreme religious authority for all Jews."

He said that his congregation hoped that the Government of Canada would soon recognize the Jewish State as a sovereign political power "but Holy Blossom does not intend to recognize the Rabbinate of Israel as the supreme spiritual power."

#### It's Totalitarianism

"Totalitarian rule in religion is no more congenial to the soul of Judaism than State totalitarianism," he said.

The Nov. 26 RECONSTRUCTIONIST opened its attack on the

negotiations with the question: "Who delegated to the Rabbinical Council of America the authority to speak for all American Jewry?"

The editorial also demanded to know what precedent there was for "elevating the rabbinic authority to a position of authority over the rabbinate in the diaspora?"

The editorial said the precedent for such action could be found only in looking beyond Judaism, asserting that "the Catholic Church recognizes the supremacy of the Bishop of Rome over all other bishops."

#### Not The Synagogue

"Not so the synagogue," the editorial said. "The extensive authority exercised by the great rabbanim and gaonim always rested on the prestige which they won by their knowledge of Torah and their wisdom in its interpretation, whether they lived in Eretz or in the diaspora."

The editorial concluded bluntly that "it is too late in history to reestablish a Jewish version of the papacy."

In the disclosure that such talks were under way, Rabbi Tabak said that there had been an exchange of correspondence with Chief Rabbi Isaac Herzog. Rabbi Tabak called the exchange "epoch making" and said it would be a stabilizing factor in the interpretation of Judaism for American Jewry.

### Israel Withdraws UNESCO Application

BEIUT, Lebanon—The Provisional Government of Israel this week withdrew its application for membership in the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.

The action provided the climax to a farce that started when career officials in the U. S. State Department insisted that Beirut be the site of the third annual UNESCO convention over vigorous protests of Jewish and non-Jewish groups in the U. S.

When the Lebanese Government announced its opposition, the UNESCO director-general, Dr. Julian Huxley, was compelled to withdraw UNESCO's formal invitation to Israel to participate.

### 2 Of 3 Jewish Clubs Cancel New Years Fetes

ATLANTA—(NJP)—Two of three private clubs here, the Jewish Progressive Club and the Mayfair Club, have not scheduled dances for New Years' Eve this month, which falls on Friday night.

The Standard Club has gone ahead with plans for its annual New Years Eve dance as usual. This club has also arranged its annual Christmas Eve Ball for Friday night, Dec. 24.

### Israeli Commies Rebuffed By Mapam

TEL AVIV, Israel—The Israeli Communist party lost the first move this week in its campaign to move in on the powerful United Workers party, Mapam.

The tiny Communist party now has one representative in the Israel provisional parliament. In the hope of increasing that total, party leaders proposed to the Mapam that Mapam and Communist party candidates appear on a single list in Israel's first election Jan. 25.

Mapam officials announced that the proposal had been rejected because the Communists were anti-Zionist "and not a truly Marxist party."

Mapam is the strongest labor foe of Mapai, the labor party which now dominates the Israel Provisional Government. All that the Communists and the Mapam have in common is a desire to orient Israel's foreign policy in the direction of Russia.

WASHINGTON — Saul Joffes, a New England Anti-Defamation League official, was named this week as the first director of the B'nai B'rith office in Paris.

## I Think As I Please

### JULIUS ROSENWALD WOULD BE A STAUNCH ZIONIST TODAY

By CARL ALPERT

LESSING ROSENWALD, patron saint of the American Council for Judaism, is perhaps responsible for the persistent belief that his father, Julius Rosenwald, had been a bitter and confirmed anti-Zionist. While the senior Rosenwald had never joined a Zionist organization, and did give expression to certain reservations concerning the movement, it would be doing him a great injustice to place him in the same category as his son. Indeed, he is on record as having said:

"My unwillingness to join in the Palestine movement was not at all based on my being opposed to Zionism. I am not opposed to Zionism. I have been willing to help any efforts made in Palestine for years, and have done so, but I have never been a believer in subsidizing immigration to the extent of moving people in masses from one country to another and trying to establish them with funds which, to my mind, is impossible at the present time."

In short, he did not assist the Zionist movement because he felt it could not be a successful long-range and permanent solution of the Jewish problem—and like the Zionists, he was seeking a permanent, not a temporary solution.

Julius Rosenwald was not interested in perpetual philanthropy. He wanted the causes which he aided to become eventually self-liquidating. Thus he extended aid to agricultural resettlement of Jews in the Crimea, following World War I because he thought that such rehabilitation, in the lands where Jews already lived, had a better chance of success than removing them to an undeveloped land. He doubted that Palestine would ever become industrially or agriculturally self-sufficient.

HE HAD VISITED PALESTINE only once—in 1914, and there was hardly much in the country at that time to substantiate the optimistic visions of the Zionists, or to refute his own practical appraisal of the country's possibilities. He prided himself on this sense of the practical, and he supported projects in Palestine accordingly.

He aided Schmarya Levin to found a Hebrew publishing house in Tel Aviv; he contributed to the Hebrew Institute of Technology at Haifa. He made possible the establishment of the Jewish Agricultural Experiment Station at Athlit, and served as its president. Following the tragic death of the station's director, Aaron Aaronsohn, years later, he contributed generously to the settlement of the accumulated debts against the venture.

In 1914 he pledged \$1,000 a month for the relief of the war victims in Palestine, and carried out this pledge throughout the war. He gave \$75,000 for the Hebrew Teachers College in Jerusalem. He gave to the emergency relief fund following the 1929 riots. Yet he wanted it clearly understood this was but philanthropy, whereas he sought permanent solution of the problems of anti-Semitism and Jewish homelessness. He was equally opposed to settlement in Argentina, for the same reasons.

HE WAS IMPERVIOUS to all appeals on the basis of idealism, though friends reasoned with him.

Schmarya Levin wrote him: "I would be the happiest man in the world if I possessed the moral and intellectual power to convert to my views a man of your quality, and I am suffering a great deal because of my lack of success."

And Aaron Aaronsohn, who had reached almost a presumptuous stage in the relations, wrote to Rosenwald about the millionaire's failure to respond affirmatively to the Balfour Declaration: "Unfortunately you have reached the stage when you are afraid of being pickpocketed whenever anybody approaches you. It must be a very uncomfortable state of mind. I can assure you of one thing: We Zionists are not after your money. Not I at least. It is the salvation of your soul we are interested in . . ."

One who rereads the record comes to this inescapable conclusion: If Rosenwald were alive today, and could witness the practical success of the Zionist movement, he would have been quick to admit an error of judgment, and would have become an active supporter of the cause.

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## HERE'S WHAT U. S. WOMEN DID IN THIS YEAR'S SOS CAMPAIGN

NEW YORK—(NJP)—If you've been wondering where the SOS drive in your city fitted into the overall picture, here's the answer from the Joint Distribution Committee.

Robert Dolins, SOS national director, reports that nearly 10,000,000 pounds of canned foods, infant layettes, clothing and other supplies were collected in drives throughout the U.S. in the first 11 months of this year.

The collections this year brings to more than 24,000,000 pounds the amount contributed by Americans since January, 1946. That was the date when the JDC set up the SOS in cooperation with 17 national women's Jewish organizations.

Here's the round-up by cities in the SOS drives this fall:

Detroit, 223,000 pounds; Baltimore, 173,000 pounds; Newark, 165,000 pounds; Cincinnati, 110,000 pounds; Houston, 71,000 pounds; Trenton, 41,000 pounds; Jersey City, 40,000 pounds; New Rochelle, N.Y., 35,000 pounds; Louisville, 34,000 pounds; Akron, 26,000 pounds; Albany, 25,000

pounds and St. Paul, Minn., 21,000 pounds.

This list is not complete, of course. More than 1,000 communities are taking part in the fall drive.

### Chattanooga Opens Jewish All-Day School

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn.—A Hebrew Academy, the first Jewish all-day school in this city's history, is in operation with a kindergarten and a first grade. There are now 23 students in the school, which plans to add grades successfully until a full school is established.

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Want to know what your name means? Address your question to Mr. Pearlroth, National Jewish Post.

Samuel A. Kushner, Danville, Va., writes:

I have read your column pertaining to derivation of names in the National Jewish Post. I am very much interested in learning the derivation of my name.

Kushner is a trade name derived from the Ukrainian word "Kushnir" which means "a furrier." The trade of furrier has been a Jewish speciality for a great many years. Where ever Jews congregated there invariably sprang up the Guild of Tailors, Furriers and Passementerie makers.

In Eastern Europe where they predominated, the furriers catered mostly to the male trade. It was latter rather than the female of the species who gloried in precious fur-trimmed garments and headgear.

Kurschner and Futterman have the same origin and meaning.

Mr. Louis Sandler, 1 Gramercy Park, New York City, writes: I would like very much to know the meaning of my maiden name Gundersheimer. My father's family came from the northern part of Germany.

Gundersheimer is a name of geographical origin, based on the little town of Gudelshelm in Wurttemberg, Germany (pop. 1530). There was a famous rabbinical family of that name.

The province of Wurttemberg was hospitable to Jews in the Dark Centuries and many of its towns are commemorated in Jewish surnames.

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## NEW HAVEN ORTHODOX RABBINATE APPROVES BAS MITZVAH PROGRAM

NEW HAVEN, Conn.—The Jewish community of New Haven this week had the unique distinction of approval by all the orthodox rabbis of the community for the Bas Mitzvah ceremony.

A uniform ritual for the ceremony is in process of creation by the New Haven Bureau of Jewish Education which, under the guidance of director Hillel Henkin, was largely responsible for the city-wide acceptance of the ceremony.

The ritual as it has been developed here included the chanting of some of the Torah and Haftarah blessings, the reading in Hebrew and English of selected portions of Haftarah and a short address on the meaning of the ceremony.

The presentation of a pair of Sabbath candlesticks to the Bas Mitzvah girl also is part of the ceremony.

Candidates for Bas Mitzvah, like those for Bar Mitzvah, are required to have at least three years of three-day-a-week instruction in Hebrew.

## The Record Rack

### NEW KUSEVITSKY ALBUM RECALLS CANTOR ROSENBLATT

"Festival Gems," Cantor Moshe Kusevitsky of Warsaw with string ensemble, RCA Victor, three 12-inch records. Reviewed by Rabbi William Greenfeld of Indianapolis.

For those who are interested in cantorial music, we suggest the purchase of the Kusevitsky Album, which includes: "L'DOR VODOR UNIPNEI CHATOEINU," "SHEIBONEH BEIS HAMIKDOSH," "AKAVYO BEN MAHALALEL."

Cantor Kusevitsky is comparatively new to American audiences, but he has already won top place among the Chassanim of America. His voice, lyric, yet tenor, has splendid range, and is equally efficient on both low and high notes. There is a sweetness that is reminiscent of Yossele Rosenblatt, and a clarity of sound and expression that reminds one of Hirshmann.

The first record of the album, "SHEIBONEH BEIS HAMIKDOSH," is built up around those two words, and in traditional cantorial style, develops through an octave range and returns to the original melody and tone. It will bring back to the frequenters of orthodox synagogues, nostalgic longings for younger days.

The second record, "AKAVYO BEN MAHALALEL," is in the traditional Talmudic chant. The ghosts of the Talmudic students of half a century ago lie before us, and the innumerable musical compositions from "MAI KOMASHMOLON" to "OMAR RABI ELOZAR," haunt us.

The third record, "L'DOR VODOR UNIPNEI CHATOEINU," is a typical liturgic rendition that again recalls the synagogue of several decades ago.

The string ensemble, directed and led by Joseph M. Rumshinsky, is at all times effective, and acts as an excellent background for the splendid voice of Kusevitsky. The records are among the best produced by RCA, 12"

records of excellent material.

One should call attention to the fact that a little more careful handling of the translation and spelling on the face of the folder, and on the face of the records, would have enhanced the album. There is a standard translation, which should have been used, and there is no excuse for spelling "UNIPNAY," "UNIPNEL." Altogether, an excellent buy.

## Radio Roundup

The Post will present here weekly a summary of nationally-broadcast radio programs of interest to Jewish listeners. No responsibility is assumed by The Post for last minute changes by radio networks.

SUNDAY, Dec. 12—Rabbi Roland B. Gittelsohn of Central Synagogue of Nassau County, L.I., in the second of four talks, "What Not To Believe About Religion," on the "Message of Israel" program 10 a. m. EST, ABC network.

SUNDAY, Dec. 12—"The White Horse Circus," by Morton Wishengard, relating an incident in the life of a southern American family, on "The Eternal Light" program 12:30 p.m. EST, NBC network.

### ZOA Announces 100 Israel Fellowships

NEW YORK — (NJP) — The Zionist Organization of America announced this week that up to 100 fellowships are being offered this spring for a year of study in Israel.

Rabbi Armond Cohen of Cleveland, chairman of the ZOA national scholarship committee, said winners will be chosen by local ZOA districts throughout the U. S. and that applications must be filled by next March 14.

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# Women's Viewpoint

## JEWISH INFERIORITY FEELINGS REPRESENT A REAL PARADOX

By HELEN COHEN

As a group, they produce less than their share of criminals and juvenile delinquents. They are famous for their strong family ties. The Kinsey survey revealed their men to have more sexual restraint.

TIME magazine remarked on their showing much less tendency to commit suicide.

Most people will admit that they produce more than their share of intelligent, even brilliant people.

A group having so much of which to be proud must be a bit cocky, no?

You couldn't be more wrong.

I refer to the Jews, who as a group have as flourishing an inferiority complex as you will find anywhere.

THIS corner has a few ideas to offer on the annual Christmas and Chanukah debate.

My logic runs like this: Wouldn't it be sounder and smarter to assume the role of a competitor who, while confident of his own prowess, can graciously applaud a masterly stroke by an opponent? There are many analogies but for illustration suppose we take clothes.

If Adrian designs a superb original gown, Hartie Carnegie can admire his cleverness without being hindered from producing a masterpiece of her own. Nor—and this is important—would she be acting very wisely if she reacted to his achievement with a poor imitation of his successful idea.

If you don't get the connection, wouldn't it be simpler to just grant that the Christians have shown great ingenuity and imagination in the many customs that have built up around Christmas (many of which incidentally have no connection with the original purpose of commemorating the birth of Jesus)?

Can't we just say that we admire their clever ideas, even if we don't practice them? Of course, we have many charming and enjoyable and inspiring holidays of our own. There's Passover, colorful and challenging; there's Yom Kippur, rich in potentialities for ennobling us; there's Succoth, drawing us close to the soil; and the Sabbath, the worth of which the Christians appreciated so fully that the only major change they made when they adopted it from us was the day of its observance; and even if in many cases our observance is limited to the Friday evening ceremony, our Sabbath has still exerted a great healing power with its peaceful, refreshing and beneficial influence.

HERE are some children's prayers that show real originality of thought and feeling. They first appeared in the OBSERVER of the Free Synagogue of Flushing. The prayers are original and written by members of class 4 in the Synagogue school.

Mitchell Schiffron—"Dear God, King of the Universe, please protect the people in Palestine and do not let any more blood be shed, and may there be peace in the world for ever-after. Amen."

Susan Anolick—"May every thought I think today and everything I do or say be worthy of the folks I love and worthy of my God above."

Susan Sherman—"Dear God, I thank Thee for all Thy blessings, for all the beauty of nature, for the trees and the flowers, the sun and the sky. I thank Thee for my dear Mother and Father and Sister. Dear God, help me to grow to be worthy of Thy blessings. Amen."

MEMO to Jerome Folkman: My private investigator would appreciate any help you can give her on one particular phase of democracy in the home.

It seems that the other evening she and her three older children (aged nine, seven and six) held a session at which time she presented a motion to the effect that the time was ripe for the children to assume responsibility for their own closets and dresser drawers. She pointed out that mother had a plethora of other closets to look after.

The motion, she tells me, was defeated by a vote of three to one. She added ruefully that the vote was accompanied by an undue amount of levity.

She feels that perhaps if their father had been available at the time of the voting, he might have been able to sway the assembly to a more reasonable decision. As it is, she can look forward to a long succession of resounding defeats, unless the children's two grandmas could be pressed into service as voters.

Or perhaps Lizzie, her part-time assistant, can be granted two votes, a concession Lizzie certainly deserves (insists my private eye) considering what she must sometimes put up with on her tours through the children's domain.

Any suggestion would be graciously accepted, Rabbi.

### Israel Repays Union Loan

NEW YORK — (JTA) — The state of Israel has repaid a loan of \$1,000,000 it obtained five months ago from the International Ladies Garment Workers' Union, David Dubinsky, the union president, announced this week.

### Convert Zolli Says

#### Deserted By Catholics

LONDON — (WNS) — Catholic convert Zolli, former Chief Rabbi of Rome who created a sensation shortly after the war by embracing Catholicism, has sent an urgent plea to the London Missionary Society for food packages and clothing, it was reported here this week.

The convert was reported to have complained to the missionaries that the Catholics in Italy had abandoned him completely, that they no longer were mindful of the great sacrifice which he made for Catholicism, and that they were letting him starve.

### Dedication Set For West Branch of JTS

NEW YORK—A University of Judaism, the west coast branch of the Jewish Theological Seminary, will be formally dedicated Dec. 28 at a dinner of leaders of west coast Jewry.

The new university, which started its academic program last year, has a student body of 417 in its graduate school; its teachers institute and its extension department.

Dr. Simon Greenberg, acting president of the JTS, is director of the new university. It has a faculty of 31 prominent educators.

### U. of Chicago Opens Bigotry Study Center

CHICAGO—Chancellor Robert Hutchings of Chicago University announced this week that a center for the study of intergroup relations has been established at the university.

The center developed from a three year experimental study made by the American Council on Education. Funds were provided by the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

The center will train professional workers in the field; develop and publish material on methods for bridging the split between research and application techniques for cutting tensions between ethnic groups, and undertake basic research in the field.

The center will provide consultant service for projects in the general field of intergroup relations. Officials said field projects in the first year of the center will be concentrated in schools and extend to several states.

They said that 250 local projects in 72 schools were undertaken under auspices of the American Council on Education.

The center will conduct summer workshops, leadership training institutes and clinics, in addition to its basic research program.

CHARLESTON, S. C. — Sol P. Benamy of Atlanta was recently re-elected president of the Southeastern region of the Zionist Organization of America at the region's annual convention.

## What Foods These Morsels Be

THOSE of you who are under the impression that borsht means beets exclusively are herewith introduced to three other versions.

### BEET-CABBAGE BORSHT

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| 5 large beets        | 1 small head cabbage     |
| 3 pints cold water   | 5 small potatoes         |
| 1 pound breast flank | 2 cups strained tomatoes |
| 1 marrow bone        | salt and pepper          |
| ½ cup lima beans     | 2 tablespoons sugar      |
| 1 medium onion       | juice of 2 lemons        |

Peel and cut beets into strips. Place in soup pot with water, meat, bone, beans and onion. Cover tightly, let simmer an hour. Remove onion, chop and add cabbage, dice and add potatoes. Let simmer 30 minutes long or until meat and cabbage are tender. Add tomatoes, salt and pepper, lemon juice, and sugar. Bring to a boil, and let boil gently 3 minutes longer.

### CABBAGE BORSHT

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| 1 medium head cabbage | 1 to 2 cups strained tomatoes, if desired |
| hot water             | salt, sugar and lemon juice to taste      |
| 3 pints cold water    |   |
| 1 pound fat beef      |   |
| 1 marrow bone         |   |

Place meat and bone in pot with cold water, add tomatoes, if desired, instead of some of the water. Cover pot, and let simmer until meat is almost tender. Cut cabbage into fine shreds, or grate. Salt thoroughly, drench with hot water, chill with cold water, drain. Add to soup, cover, and let simmer 15 to 30 minutes longer or until meat and cabbage are tender. Add salt, sugar and lemon juice, let boil gently a few minutes, and serve.

### CHICKEN BORSHT

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| 2½ pounds chicken                 | 2 whole onions          |
| 2½ quarts boiling water           | 1 celery root, diced    |
| 2 cups strained tomatoes          | 1 teaspoon salt         |
| ½ cup lima beans                  | ¼ teaspoon pepper       |
| 5 or 6 large beets, cut in strips | 2 tablespoons sugar     |
| 2 potatoes, diced                 | 2 teaspoons lemon juice |
| 2 whole apples                    | yolks of 3 eggs         |

Cut chicken at joints, and place in boiling water. Add the vegetables and salt and pepper, cover pot tightly, and let simmer 2 to 3 hours until chicken is tender. Remove chicken, apples and onions, add sugar and lemon juice, and let boil gently 3 minutes. Beat yolks, place in a bowl, and stir hot borsht into beaten eggs very gradually so that they do not curdle, blending well. If the mixture is too thick, dilute it with hot water.

### Recipe of the Week

I am sending you the recipe for a delicious onion kichel which we enjoy very much.

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| 3 large onions grated          | 4½-5 cups flour sifted    |
| 1½ cups oil or veg. shortening | 3 teaspoons baking powder |
| 1 cup mohn                     | 3 teaspoons salt          |
| 2 eggs                         | 1 teaspoon pepper         |

Wash and drain mohn thoroughly. Mix all ingredients. Roll out on flour board, not too thin, cut with cookie cutter into shapes and bake till moderately brown (light) in moderate oven of 350 degrees.

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## CALENDAR

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(All holidays begin on the preceding evening at sundown).

Friday, December 10, 1948

## The Editor's Chair

FOR MY EDITOR'S chair this week I'd like to do a piece on Charles W. Morris, or Charlie Morris, as we from Louisville call him.

Charlie Morris was born and reared in a small town in Kentucky, either in Glasgow or somewhere near there and his contacts with organized Jewish life in the form of a Hebrew school or a synagogue were nil. And even today he probably can't read more Hebrew than the few well-known lines, such as "Shmah," etc.

Charles Morris is the titular and actual head of the Louisville Jewish community and has been that for at least 15 years if not twice that long. It was he who organized the Joint Defense Appeal of the American Jewish Committee and the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith. He is now national chairman of the JDA and he has been president of the Louisville Conference of Jewish Organizations for as long as it has been in existence.

Charlie is a benevolent despot. Not that he tells anyone what he should do; but what he wants done is done, although the person doing it may never know that he is not doing anything except what he intended to do all the time.

The Louisville Jewish community is one of the best-organized in the U.S. Louisville, like any southern town, has its complement of American Council for Judaism members, whose outlook on most things positively Jewish is guided by their belief that Jews are a religious grouping. Yet Louisville has had none of the violent conflicts that have marred intra-Jewish relationships in the other Jewish communities. Not that the Council in Louisville hasn't fought for its position but the fight has been carried on within the Louisville Conference of Jewish organizations and the majority vote has prevailed. This is Charlie Morris' achievement. This aim has motivated most of his work, both locally and nationally.

I remember once writing in The Post, in my younger and more foolhardy days, that the Louisville Jewish leadership was a cesspool of some kind or other. But that was probably 15 or 20 years ago and although Mr. Morris took exception to this judgment and has differed with us on many occasions, it was he who largely okayed the arrangement by which the entire Louisville community subscribes to The Post.

Mr. Morris and I have been friends for years. He's artistically inclined and if he did not spend so much time solving the problems of the Jewish community, he could have been wealthy today. He's a good golfer and he looks like the bust of Adolph Ochs in the foyer of the N.Y. TIMES Building. He's the epitome of the cultured Southern Jewish gentlemen.

I tell you this because I think its important background. Mr.

Morris didn't need the honors in the Jewish community. He denies this every time I make the charge but it probably is fact that no Democratic mayor could be nominated for office if Mr. Morris were against him. That's putting it in a negative way. The way I say it to his face is that he elects the mayors. He pooh-poohs this with a wise crack but there's no gainsaying that he's a power politically in Louisville.

For years, Mr. Morris has wanted to see some unity brought into the situation of Jewish education in Louisville. And he waited years, although at least 10 years ago, he was ready to take Jewish education under the wing of the Louisville Conference of Jewish Organizations. The people at the head of the Louisville Hebrew school ten years ago wished to retain their autonomy. But that is all past now and Louisville—after a survey by Dr. Emanuel Gamoran—has a capable director of Jewish education in Dr. Israel Namani, and in time will do as good a job in this field as is being done by Al Erlen in the larger field.

I once went to Charlie Morris with the problem of a graduate of Northwestern University Medical School who wanted a residency at the General Hospital in Louisville. Mr. Morris didn't ask why or when or what; this was a Jewish boy and I had recommended him. Mr. Morris started out by calling the mayor; but that is another story and will have to wait. The boy is now doing surgery on the West Coast and would probably have been admitted to the Louisville hospital had he not been accepted by Mayo Brothers first.

The Louisville Jewish community is a proud one; it is a rather cohesive group; and its members feel that everything in Louisville—its YMHA, its synagogues, its rabbis its other Jewish activities—are the best in the United States. The youngsters grow up with a sense of loyalty to the Louisville Jewish institutions which is akin to the loyalty one has to a college. In fact, I was the surprised one when I got to know other Jewish communities and found that this kind of unquestioning attitude was not a nation-wide characteristic.

Now Mr. Morris is ready to step down. And, as always happens, there is no large number of people ready to take over. This is the mistake always made when one person is so reliable that no one else is groomed to take over. And that's why I used the term benevolent despot.

Now I don't mean to say that Louisville doesn't have its complement of younger men who could take over in time. But its like when President Roosevelt was in office. The people didn't have the confidence in anyone else. And moreover, Mr. Morris is in his own way has been the same kind of a leader for the Louisville Jewish community that President Roosevelt was for the nation.

I've tried to give you a picture, a picture of a leader of a Jewish community. Someday someone will read this piece and understand perhaps why the American Jewish community was what it was, and why it developed into what it will be. It is men like Charles Morris and Jewish communities like Louisville, heir to all the ills of envy and pride of human flesh, that makes up our U. S. Jewish community. They mark an era, which probably will never be repeated.

## Efforts To Win Unaffiliated Too Sporadic

THE news reports of the plans for a concerted drive by all San Francisco congregations on the unaffiliated Jews in that city recall the same kind of a drive projected some years ago in Louisville, Ky.

Under the Louisville plan, which unfortunately never was implemented, the names of the unaffiliated were to be culled by matching membership lists of the city's congregations with that of the welfare fund. To these names were to be sent several pieces of mail material, asking about the recipients' religious sympathies—reform, conservative or orthodox.

The replies were then to be turned over to the committee representing the synagogues of the division in which the unaffiliated individual had indicated his choice. Where there was no specific indication, the card was to be given to perhaps two of the three divisions, for instance, reform and conservative, or orthodox and conservative.

Just what might be expected from such a plan is hard to predict but it is the only logical procedure if our unaffiliated are not to increase even more rapidly than at present. Rabbi Louis Mann of Chicago suggested exactly the same procedure several years ago, but as far as The Post knows, it too never was implemented.

The San Francisco experiment should be watched carefully, especially by the Synagogue Council of America, the agency under whose aegis this work logically falls. As matters now stand, sporadic drives by individual congregations absorb some of the unaffiliated here and there, a goal achieved also by the formation of a new congregation; but the trend away from the synagogue will never be halted by such fragmentary efforts.

What would happen if the same amount of effort were to be devoted to a gigantic synagogue campaign as is put into the United Jewish Appeal's annual drive?

## The Illness and the Remedy

THE contention of Henry Hurwitz, editor of the MENORAH JOURNAL, that the civic defense agencies are responsible for the ills of the U. S. Jewish community may or may not be accurate. But his remedy for the situation—formation of a synagogue-directed national Jewish organization, to be called the Jewish Assembly of Representatives in America—is as impractical as it is fantastic.

Mr. Hurwitz is wrong in his appraisal of the needs of the American Jewish community; he is wrong in his concept of the place of the synagogue in Jewish life.

There is no institution in the American Jewish community as weak today as the synagogue. Yet Mr. Hurwitz would give to the synagogue—which has yet to find itself in America—a job which no angel would essay. Mr. Hurwitz would only add to the current confusion.

Mr. Hurwitz does not know his American Jewish community. It is not a strange community and it does not require a Toynbee or even a Dr. M. M. Kaplan to understand the underlying trends in American Jewish life.

For some years now the Council of Jewish Federation and Welfare Funds has been the central Jewish organization in the U. S. All U. S. Jewish agencies know that today; they

felt it ten years ago; they realized what was happening five years ago and today they know it.

With the American Jewish Conference out of the way and with the necessity for some sort of agency to bring order out of chaos and competition, there was only one agency prepared to take on that task. That agency's leadership has been making haste slowly but making haste nevertheless.

No amount of wishful thinking will change this situation. The National Jewish Post did not bring it about, although it has predicted it and mirrored it. Neither the MENORAH JOURNAL nor any other voice will affect it.

Just one example: whatever comes of the fight within the United Palestine Appeal, the CJFW will emerge stronger than ever. It may actually begin to take over and assert the rights its strength bestows on it; or it may go on as it has been doing for the past decade, taking things step by step, gradually moving from one area of conflict to another, and gradually cleaning them up.

The top leadership of the U. S. Jewish community knows this; the community at large is beginning to suspect it. But in any event, that is the way matters are.

## Carl Alpert And The Post's Philosophy of Publication

CARL Alpert's strictures in his column "I Think As I Please" in this paper for Nov. 28 deserve some comment. (Not the least of his charges were directed at The Post).

In this debate on fundamentals, The Post has only two obligations. One is to print the news without fear or favor. That we have tried to do. And what Henry Montor says about the United Palestine Appeal IS news, if only in the fact that the UPA itself thought that what Mr. Montor had to say was news for years and years.

Is it when Mr. Montor begins to criticize the UPA that Mr. Alpert decides that what Mr. Montor says is no longer news?

The other obligation of the National Jewish Post is to interpret the news. M. Z. Frank called Mr. Montor a "schlemiel." The editorial page of The Post tried to weigh the issues more seriously. Whether we did so to the satisfaction of Mr. Alpert is not at all the question. The question is: Were we moved by any preconceived viewpoint? Were we deliberately supporting one side or the other? Was our concern anything else except the best welfare of the Jewish community as a whole?

Mr. Alpert may say that many things are better left unsaid. Maybe so. Then he should seek to impress that viewpoint on Mr. Montor and the Committee of Contributors. But again, these people are responsible leaders in the American Jewish community. That in itself gives what they say responsibility; the charges that they make thereby become news.

The Post COULD have ignored Mr. Montor's charges; it could have ignored what was happening within the UPA. But that is not our conception of our obligation to our readers; or of our obligation to the concept of a free press.

Fundamentally, Mr. Alpert is more correct than the answer so far would indicate. Yet The Post is not at fault, either.

When the Post ran 16 national pages, it was able to print—in addition to what it now prints

—a cartoon strip on the Bible, a feature known as "This Week in Jewish History," a full page of sports, a children's page, some additional matter for women (like Ruth Paller's weekly column) and quite a few other features.

If you go over these features separately, you will see that none of them can be considered controversial; that they all were dedicated to the positive aspects of Jewish life.

So when The Post was reduced to 12 pages, it was forced to drop what might be called balancing matter. In addition, The Post started on a campaign to build its list of correspondents in all major U. S. Jewish population centers. Some 30 major Jewish communities now are covered by local correspondents and the campaign is not yet done. Since the nature of news is always of the typhoon or the earthquake, the material now packed into 12 pages is mostly controversial.

The answer? It is obvious. When The Post is 24 pages, it will have the balancing matter so that when such a conflict as that within the UPA arises, it will seem to be getting only its proper share of space in our total news and feature budget, rather than an overwhelming treatment so that the idea of conflict, conflict, conflict seems to be all that is important in the American Jewish community.

These three points are The Post's answer to Mr. Alpert.

The Post has not lost sight of its long-range goal, despite the many problems of the present and the past few years. The day is not far off when The Post will function as the major channel not only of news and information but also of inspiration to the American Jewish community.

When The Post is provided by advertising and subscriptions with the wherewithal to do the job as it knows the job should and must be done, we know Mr. Alpert will be proud of the part he played in building up the reputation of the National Jewish Post in its darker days of pioneering.



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## Dr. Rosmarin Suggests NJP Frisch Closeup Inadequate

Editor, National Jewish Post:

Your new feature presenting close-ups of ZOA presidential candidates will be welcomed by many. However, in order to achieve the optimum of information on those aspiring to the most important presidency in American Israel, it will be necessary for you to approach these interviews altogether differently from the way your close-up of Daniel Frisch was handled. I am inclined to believe that ZOA voters are not so much interested in polemical politics as in learning which issues the next ZOA administration will have to tackle and how the respective presidential candidates are suited to discharge the duties growing from them.

At the 1949 convention, the Zionist Organization of America will elect its first "Peace in Israel Administration." This administration will not longer be called upon to guide the foreign political affairs of Israel, and especially its effective representation in the UN and in Washington. Mr. Shertok and his foreign office staff and ambassadors are taking care of that. It is also to be hoped that some seven months from now, when the ZOA "Peace in Israel Administration" will take over, the question of boundaries will have been settled and Israel will have taken its rightful seat in the UN.

What then will be the task of the first "Peace in Israel ZOA Administration"? As I see it, it will be a twofold task: (a) The mobilization of American investment interest and capital on behalf of Israeli industry and agriculture (the UJA is no specific Zionist task but a privilege and obligation of American Jewry as a whole), (b) The forging of a strong and vitality-infused cultural give-and-take relationship between our diaspora and Israel. "The re-orientation of Zionist education," which previous administrations could not effect because of the pressure of emergency needs, will be not only the "to be or not to be" of American Zionism in years to come, but also the criterion by which the success, or the failure, of the next ZOA administration will be judged.

From these premises it follows that the next president of the ZOA will have to be a man of sufficient business acumen to give momentum to and guide intelligently the mobilization of American investment capital on which Israeli expansion and welfare will depend. It further follows that the next ZOA president will have to be a man steeped in Jewish culture and capable of thinking independently and creatively on those factors of cultural engineering which will figure large in the creation of a ZOA cultural climate conducive to infusing 250,000 ZOA members with the awareness that Israel is our *merka ruchani* in a very direct and personal sense.

I am in no position to judge Mr. Frisch's business acumen. As a student of the Jewish cultural scene, and its roots, I venture, however, to aver that he is one of the very few in our midst who has taken the Jewish ideological dilemma, especially in its Zionist implications, by its two proverbial horns. Those interested in creative Jewish thought will deplore that "layman" Frisch has abandoned these past several years probing the many-faceted problem of assimilation and emancipation, Jewish self-hatred, the Jewish-Christian controversy, especially in its Chicagoan Neo-Thomist phase, and the many ideological-philosophical issues treated so well, and so strikingly original, in his "Letters to Hadassah."

The legitimization of Jewish leadership derives from something more than a smooth and pleasing platform presence and what is termed "eloquence." Not that these are unimportant, but if Dr. Silver has attained his unmatched position of authority and respect, it is not on account of his "silver tongue" primarily, but because of his luminous contributions to the understanding of the so-called pseudo-Messianic movements and their underlying mysticism (paraphrasing, why does Abba Hillel Silver not take time out to write that history of Jewish mysticism which "mere scholars" like Scholem can't produce???). I know the masses who are "thrilled" by Dr. Silver's eloquence have not read his books and essays of twenty years and more ago. Still, they are "thrilled"—because there is more to a Silver address than eloquence. Fortunately, American Zionists, together with American Jewry as a whole, have outgrown the stage of "mere eloquence" worship. Anyone who has watched an audience following a precise-logical delineation by Emanuel Neumann, who studiously avoids rhetorical fireworks, knows that we have come sufficiently of age to demand of our leaders—IDEAS. We have outgrown the childish stage, so often ridiculed by Europeans, when we fell for every smooth weaver of irrelevant phrases.

I am inclined to believe that your readers will be grateful to you for acquainting them with the Jewish-ideological equipment of the ZOA presidential candidates. In answer to the question *mah tivo shel adam zeh*, intelligent Zionists want to know, first of all, where a presidential candidate stands on Jewish culture and that much talked about Zionist cultural reorientation. More than two years ago, Mr. Frisch defined the cultural task of the ZOA as "plumbing the depths." He wrote, "A ZOA that aims to deepen and broaden the consciousness of its adherents will never be satisfied with a periodic meeting as the cornerstone of Zionist living; meetings addressed by a speaker, especially a non-Jewish speaker, to whom Zionism is a brand new discovery. Education deals with fundamentals. Fundamentals are incompatible with superficialities. The ZOA, were it to address itself to this basic problem of educating the new Jewish generation, would never again hover on the surface. It would have to plumb the depths."

When ZOA delegates will cast their votes for a president in 1949, they will want to know their candidates' platforms. After missing out on Mr. Frisch's platform, especially his cultural platform, it is to be hoped that you will incorporate this all-important information in the articles on the other ZOA presidential candidates.

DR. TRUDE WEISS-ROSMARIN

New York

Ed. Note: Dr. Weiss-Rosmarin credits The Post with greater ambitions than actually motivated the interview with Daniel Frisch. The piece was not the first of a series on ZOA presidential candidates. It was the product of a visit by Mr. Frisch to Indianapolis to address a public meeting. The Post seized the opportunity

## WITH THE RABBIS

Rabbi Eric Friedland will be installed as spiritual leader this Friday of Beth Am, The People's Synagogue of Chicago.

The Bar Mitzvah of Daniel Herson, son of Rabbi and Mrs. H. Herson of Beth Abraham synagogue in Winnipeg was followed by an open house for the Winnipeg Jewish community.

Rabbi Joseph Schechter, a graduate of the Ner Israel Rabbinical College of Baltimore, will be installed as spiritual leader of the United Orthodox synagogue of Norfolk Sunday.

Rabbi and Mrs. Aaron Walden of B'nai Zion Congregation in Chattanooga, Tenn., are the parents of a baby girl, their first child.

Rabbi and Mrs. Mortimer J. Cohen of Congregation Beth Shalom in Philadelphia announced the engagement of their daughter, Hedvah Ray, to Dr. M. Price Margolies of Coatesville, Pa. The couple will be wed Feb. 12.

Rabbi and Mrs. Sidney Greenberg of Philadelphia announce the birth of a daughter, Keren Reena.

## HERE'S ANOTHER REPORT FROM READER OF A 'FIRST' TELEVISION OF TORAH

Editor, National Jewish Post:

In the interest of accuracy, may I call two facts to your attention. I trust you will understand that I do so solely for the record.

Some weeks ago your columns reported an Adult Bar Mitzvah class as the first of its kind. On Sabuoth, May 18, 1945, a group of 31 Navy Bluejackets participated in a group Bar Mitzvah service at the U. S. Naval Training Center, Sampson, N. Y. They were presented with certificates by their Jewish commanding officer, Commodore Harry A. Badt, USN.

The remarkable feature of this ceremony was that these men gave up two hours of their precious free time every Sunday afternoon during the entire ten-week period of recruit training, and during this period, they received instruction in Jewish history and the principles of Judaism.

The second item is more recent, namely the announcement of the first Torah to be televised in history, which your paper reported took place on Nov. 12.

On Oct. 31, Station WPIX on its Chapel of the Air program televised a Torah during the Jewish service. This Torah was once in the possession of Czar Nicholas II of Russia, having been presented to him on a visit of state by the Jewish community of Nizhni Novgorod.

These facts are both insignificant, but perhaps the historians would like the record straight. They might even discover other events which had preceded them.

RABBI JACOB R. SHANKMAN  
New Rochelle, N. Y.

Ed. Note: NJP's thanks to Rabbi Shankman; readers will note, in respect to the Torah television reports, that a previous first has been claimed for the Philadelphia Jewish community by Maurice Orodener, of that city's Jewish Community Relations Council (NJP Dec. 3). Orodener reported that a Torah was televised over station WFIL-TV on June 27, 1947. Do any readers know of an earlier occasion? B. G.

## FRANK RAPPED FOR SHLEMIEL TAG FOR MONTOR AND CPZ MEMBERS

Editor, National Jewish Post:

When I read your editorial in the October 29 issue, I was pleased to see your endorsement of the Contributors and Workers Committee. I was also pleased to see the fair and unbiased reporting of the Pittsburgh meetings in the same issue. As I sat next to you at the session of the Council of Federations Board meeting, Saturday, I wondered what your reaction would be to the discussion of the U. P. A. and its present setup.

I have been in contact with a good many people since the Pittsburgh meeting, and the great majority of people feel that the demands made by the Contributors and Workers Committee is certainly not out of line and deserve paper, Mr. Frank writes an to Mr. Frank to have made some article that certainly does not

make good reading. His attack on Montor, who has been the very core of the U. J. A., is unwarranted. I think it is no credit of the statements that he did. I was not a member of the Committee for Progressive Zionism, but I do know some of the people who were, and I resent very much Mr. Frank's calling these people "shlemiels." Many of these men are leaders in their communities and have given many years of their lives to causes in American Jewish life, and who is Mr. Frank to criticize these men, if they think a change in a certain organization would be helpful to its future existence? Mr. Frank's "self-conceit" is very evident by his sharp criticism, using his own words.

E. N. GRUESKIN  
Sioux City, Ia.

## NEW CROP OF JEWISH CONGRESSMEN INCLUDES CHUDOFF, READER REMINDS

Editor, National Jewish Post:

Referring to your issue of Friday, November 12, '48, on page 5, you have an article headed, "Eight Jews win Congress Seats."

I note that your article fails to list Earl Chudoff, a lawyer with offices at 801 Market St. National Bank Building, Philadelphia, Pa., who was elected to Congress from Philadelphia. Earl Chudoff has been a member of the House of Representatives of the State of Pennsylvania for many years and was in the recent election elected on the Democratic ticket to the House of Representatives of our Nation.

Earl Chudoff has been active in Jewish Communal Affairs in the City of Philadelphia for many

years.  
MORIS GERBER.  
Norristown, Pa.

Ed. Note: The story to which reader Gerber refers was sent to The Post by World Wide News Services. The Post tries to check all stories from its press services but missed on this one. Some amends were made, The Post hopes, in its story from New York and Philadelphia (NJP Nov. 26) reporting on Menachim Beigen's arrival in the U. S. in which NJP Philadelphia correspondent Sam Bushman reported that the sponsoring committee for Beigen's appearance included "newly-elected U. S. Rep. Earl Chudoff." B. G.

to press Mr. Frisch for an interview, which was sandwiched in between a score of conferences and meetings arranged for Mr. Frisch on his first visit in some time to his home town. The NJP interviewer, recognizing the limitations of the situation, restricted his questioning to the currently most important political questions of U. S. Zionism. The result was definitely not what both Dr. Weiss-Rosmarin and The Post both would like to see. When leaders in Jewish life visit Indianapolis, The Post will do its best to reach them for significant comments—such as Labor Zionist leader Haim Greenberg's statement questioning the validity of Henry Montor's charges against the ZOA. Such visits, interviews and reports are necessarily chance affairs. But the kind of reporting that Dr. Weiss-Rosmarin visualizes is most certainly within the scope of future plans for The Post. B.G.

## Won't Reject Commies From Jewry, Says She

Editor, National Jewish Post:

In times like these when Jewry is already decimated, it is absolutely necessary for American Jews to develop a unified and democratic Jewish community if we wish to build and maintain a constructive Jewish life in America.

No Jewish group or individual should be excluded or denied admission if it is acting in a manner conducive with Jewish ethical and moral aims. It remains to be proven that being a good Communist conflicts with being a good Jew or a good American.

Certainly it is dangerous and undemocratic to play the part of a self-appointed censor by deciding who or who is not eligible for membership in the Jewish community. Frankness, sincerity, freedom from fear, a brotherly welcoming approaching and the desire to promote the welfare of all will assist in the growth of a secure community. Democracy is its own strongest defense.

FRIEDA NIDELMAN  
Los Angeles, Calif.

## Zionist Leader Dies

JERUSALEM, (JTA)—Moshe Kleinman, 77, editor of the Zionist movement's central organ, "Haolam" (The World, and editor of the Zionist Encyclopedia, which is now being prepared for publication, died here this week. Interment will take place in Tel Aviv.

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## Plans Depend On European Jewish Recovery

## JDC Program May Be Extended To Downtrodden N. African Jews

PARIS—American Jewry this week prepared to swing the huge weight of its financial strength behind a program of aiding the most downtrodden of all Jewish communities, the 1,000,000 Jews living in Moslem countries.

The plight of the Jewries in those lands has been dramatized by the non-political Committee for the Forgotten Million, a group backed by some of the most orthodox wings of American Jewry.

Whether plans now under way to come to the assistance of the Forgotten Million include provisions to prevent duplication of the relief and rehabilitation work of the Committee could not be learned.

The new development came out of a special meeting called in Paris by the giant Joint Distribution Committee, major arm of the United Jewish Appeal for aiding overseas Jewry.

## Even DPs Shocked

Prodded by the spotlight focussed in recent months on the distress of the Forgotten Million, the JDC presented to the delegates a report on the conditions which shocked even the representatives of the European Jewish DPs.

The data disclosed that tuberculosis was endemic among Casablanca's 40,000 Jews. There is at least one case of contagious tuberculosis in every Jewish family. At least 20,000 homeless Jewish children, hundreds blind with trachoma, are roaming the streets. Similar conditions exist in most of the other Jewish communities in North Africa.

The meeting was told that public welfare assistance is essential for the continued existence for 70 per cent of the 256,000 Jews in Morocco; for 40 per cent of the 140,000 Jews in Algeria; for 85 per cent of the 130,000 who live in Iran, and for 60 per cent of the 105,000 in Tunisia.

## Joint Statement Issued

Edward M. M. Warburg, JDC chairman, and Dr. J. J. Schwartz, European JDC director, indicated in a joint statement at the close of the conference that a gradual shift in emphasis of JDC work from Europe to North Africa

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was becoming possible.

The new program implied the success of plans to complete emigration of 140,000 Jewish DPs from Germany, Austria and Italy, most of them to Israel.

The joint statement foresaw that the continued growth of communal Jewish organizations in Europe might soon lead to self-supporting Jewish communities and eventually their taking part in a program of aid to North African Jews.

The statement said that the basic recovery of Europe's remaining 1,300,000 Jews could be completed in three years if emigration to Israel continued at its present pace and if no war comes in Europe.

## Not This Year

An indication that the new aid program is still in the planning stage was provided in the JDC's latest financial statement, which showed that more than \$70,000,000 was spent for relief, resettlement and reconstruction programs.

None of the funds were used for aid to the North African Jews.

## Israeli Kin In USSR May Go To Israel

JERUSALEM.—(JTA) — Soviet citizens who are the parents or dependents of Israeli citizens may leave the U.S.S.R. and join their relatives in the Jewish state under the terms of an agreement just concluded between the Jewish Agency and the Soviet delegation in Tel Aviv, it was learned here this week.

The agreement is conditional upon the Agency's accepting full responsibility for the immigrants from the moment they cease to be Soviet citizens. Discussions on the immigration of Jewish children from the U.S.S.R. to Israel have been held up while the Soviet representatives await instructions. Meanwhile, a search is being made for Israeli citizens in the U.S.S.R. by members of the Israeli legation in Moscow.

NEW YORK — (NJP) — Ugi Carusi, chairman of the U. S. Displaced Persons Commission, will address the 19th convention of the Council of Organizations of HIAS Dec. 19, it was announced this week.

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## Shorts

THE Youngstown Jewish Center operates an extensive athletic program during the winter months. In addition to its own accommodations, the Center uses three or four school gymnasiums for its members.

## ★ ★ ★

Canton recently defeated Youngstown in an inter-city bowling match in Canton. In this series, Lou Fineberg of Canton had a 279 game, thanks to a string of nine straight strikes. The two teams are scheduled for a return match in Youngstown in the near future.

## ★ ★ ★

Thelma Thall of Columbus, Ohio, was the only member of the Western Women's team to win a match in the East-West series in St. Louis. No announcement has been made of the U. S. women's team roster as yet, but Miss Thall is one of those being considered for a position on the team. On the men's team, several Jewish stars from the east are certain.

## ★ ★ ★

Dan Dworsky, Michigan's great defensive lineman, is on the draft list of the Los Angeles Dons of the AAC, after a ruling made by the League. Previously, the Cleveland Browns had priority. Of course, the National League, too, will put in a bid for his services.

## ★ ★ ★

Myron "Joe" Ginsburg, the Detroit Tiger's home-bred catching prospect, is expected to be given a complete trial next spring, according to Manager Red Rolfe, recently appointed to succeed the veteran Steve O'Neill.

## WJC Charges British Failed Aden Jews

NEW YORK—The British administration in Aden has failed completely to carry out its promises of protection and indemnity to the victims of the pogrom a year ago against the Jewish community of the British protectorate, it was charged this week.

The World Jewish Congress said the British have done nothing to ease the impact of the outbreaks which resulted in scores of deaths, hundreds of wounded and extensive property damage.

The WJC said that Jewish children have been reduced to begging in the streets and that the few Jews who still possess some means dare not try to start new enterprises for fear of another pogrom.

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## Jews In Sports

## N. Y. FIGHT FANS CHEERING NEW JEWISH HEAVYWEIGHT

By HASKELL COHEN

NEW York fight fans have a new idol to cheer. Young George Kaplan, out of Brownsville, home of the late Bummy Davis, is causing quite a stir along fistic row with his clever ring work. The other night George knocked out Ray Shaf in the second round of a scheduled eight-rounder. The fight, his sixth as a pro, marked his fourth knockout. Kaplan, who was 18 years old last August, is enthusiastic about his ring future.

A full fledged light-heavyweight, young Kaplan thinks Bill Conny at his peak was an ideal fighter and wants to emulate the Smoky City lad. When asked how he decided to become a fighter Georgie said, "I lost a street fight when I was a kid. The guy was tough, but I made up my mind I could beat him. I went to a gym and trained. I won the return engagement. Then I fought 10 bouts in the amateurs and turned professional."

The experts predict a brilliant future for Kaplan. Keep an eye on him. He is certain to develop into a heavy-weight and is young enough to go far if he is not rushed too fast.

## ★ ★ ★

THE moaning season got underway among the basketball coaches, this week, when the first session of the Basketball writers Association began in New York. Nat Holman of City College admitted he had a fair varsity but was missing in reserves what with ankle injuries to three key men. He raved about his freshman team and told the gathering that he looked forward to three years of joy when these boys move up to the big five next season.

Clair Bee, amusing L.I.U. mentor, told the writers that he has been pleading with his star, Lou Lipman, to quit. Lipman is married and expects a baby shortly. Bee doesn't think a married man should play college ball. Despite the fact that Lou is his best scorer Bee wants to see the Jewish lad turn pro. Lipman prefers to play college ball and will not drop out of competition so Bee has no alternative but to play him regularly. This is the first time we ever heard of a coach trying to rid himself of a star.

The coach maintains his other ball movers, Gard and Miller, are getting worse instead of better. He blames himself for their lack of improvement, but we think the good coach is joshing the scribes and does not expect the bad season he claims he will have.

## ★ ★ ★

DUTCH Garfinkel, the wonder boy from St. Johns, was released by the Boston Celtics last week. Dutch joins former Celtic coach, Honey Russell, at Schenectady in the New York State League.

## ★ ★ ★

NAT Holman still raves about the Busy Izzies who performed over 30 years ago on the East Side. In Nat's book these little fellows are still the smartest players he has seen in his long career. We were amazed, in talking to the City College coach, by the fact that he talks mostly about players of the past rather than the present. We pointed this fact out to him and he admitted that in his mind the old timers stood out more because he saw them over longer periods.

Today, college boys are out before they really develop fully and if they don't play pro ball, Holman cannot see how they can possibly be rated with men who showed their ability against the best competition for a period of ten to fifteen years. Therefore he strings along with the old boys like Barney Sedran, Marty Freedman, Jack Inglis, and Ed Wachter, to name a few. Nathaniel is very much disappointed in the trend in present day pro ball. He cannot see how a 117-110 score can possibly indicate good basketball.

Those taking exception to Holman's thinking should remember his City College teams feature the fast break and all the other present-day ideas. However, his boys are soundly drilled in all aspects of the game and therefore rarely permit opposition teams to run up big scores on them.

Holman has a nice little article in the Clair Bee Basketball Annual telling why his City College teams switched to the fast break type of ball after featuring the so-called old pro type of percentage ball game.

If you want an interesting night's reading of basketball you could do worse than securing Clair Bee's pocket size hoop book. There is a splendid story in the annual on Philly Warrior coach, Eddie Gottlieb, that you will find extremely interesting.

## Luckman Tosses Bears To Tenth Grid Win

DETROIT—(NJP)—Sid Luckman ran wild in the passing zone Sunday for three touchdown heaves as the Chicago Bears beat the Detroit Lions, 42 to 14.

Luckman who completed 20 out of 27 passes for 181 yards and boosted his touchdown pitch total to 13 for the season, repeatedly nailed his catchers with short aeriels.

## Bigot Distributing A-Bomb Smear-Sheet

NEW YORK—(JTA)—Jonathan Ellsworth Perkins, one of the leading anti-Semites in this country, is presently distributing a six-page pamphlet entitled "The Jews Have Got the Atom Bomb" which alleges that Jews in this country, led by Bernard Baruch and David Lillenthal, have obtained control of the secret of the atom bomb in order to gain power, it was reported here.

The pamphlet, mailed from Delavan, Wisconsin, offers for sale a number of pieces of anti-Semitic propaganda, including copies of the forged "Protocols of the Elders of Zion."

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## DEAR Boys and Girls:

We know that you have been waiting anxiously for many weeks for the return of the Junior Post to these pages—and all we can say to you now is: Here we are! Yes, we have received your letters and notes and we are planning to answer those of you who have asked us: "Where is the Junior Post?" You see, we have been terribly busy, working on a newer and better kind of Junior Post and to tell you all the truth, we are going to be very interested in what you think of it. The best way for you to tell us if you enjoy reading this section, is, of course, to sit down and write us a letter or post card. It's as simple as that!

To begin with, boys and girls, it is our hope that you will read the Junior Post from beginning to end each week and that you will like what you read. We want you to feel that while Dad will be more interested in the front-page news and Mother may look forward to read the Women's features, that you will consider the Junior Post as your special section of this newspaper.

Not only do we want to hear from you regularly through our mailbag, but we also want you to write us any ideas or suggestions that you may have concerning this page. We'd like all of you to become real reporters for us, too. Let us know of any special events or activities which your Hebrew or Sunday school is planning so that we can pass the news along to other boys and girls. For example, if your school is preparing a very special kind of cele-

to say something else." So she thought and thought. "A cross means something to Lois," she said to herself, "so she says 'cross my heart.' But Bobby's favorite symbol is a Mogen David, so let him say 'Mogen David my heart,' and if grandfather is afraid to tempt the evil spirits by saying hope to die so let Bobby say, 'hope to live.'" From that time on everyone was happy. Christian Lois said, "cross my heart and hope to die," and Jewish Bobby said, "Mogen David my heart and hope to live."

Bobby's mother thought her problems were over when one day she heard Bobby and Lois singing in the back yard.

"Let's sing Sunday school songs," said Lois. "Me first."

So Lois sang a song about "Holy Mother Mary." Then Bobby sang "Zum Galli Galli." Then Lois sang "Jesus Loves Me Yes I Know." Then Bobby sang "Am Ysroel Chai."

"My goodness, Bobby," said Lois, "I can't understand a word

## To Protect "Our Unwritten Traditions"

# Fraternity Urged To Approve Ban Aimed Specifically Against Jews

NEW YORK—A fraternity which recently ousted a chapter for pledging a Negro student is being urged to write an amendment into its national constitution which would specifically bar Jewish students from membership, it was learned this week.

The urging is being done by members of the Johnstown (Pa.) Alumni association of the fraternity, Phi Kappa Psi which ousted its Amherst college chapter for pledging the Negro student, Thomas W. Gibbs.

The Johnstown chapter became aroused at the Amherst chapter action and expressed its regret that "our unwritten traditions" were not written into the fraternity's chapter and by-laws.

The Johnstown alumni immediately started a nation-wide campaign to win backing for an order that would restrict membership to members of the white race.

"The amendment should also forbid our chapters to initiate adherents of all Semitic creeds, adherents of all religions which do not respect the oath of secrecy and adherents of all political doctrines which would destroy our nation's system of democratic government and free enterprise," the alumni association proposed.

The Johnstown group sent a copy of its proposals to the Columbia University chapter and the letter was made public by David G. McConnell, former president of the Columbia chapter.

McConnell, who said he supported the Amherst chapter in its decision to pledge the Negro student, resigned from the Columbia chapter Nov. 19.

The letter showed that the Johnstown alumni are distributing their proposal under the signature of Frederick G. Smith of Johnstown. Smith said that the alumni association had "a couple of dozen members."

When the Amherst fraternity was suspended for its "unfraternal conduct" it set itself up as an independent fraternity.

bration for Chanukah, we'd like to know all about it.

Beginning with this issue, we will have for you each week, a special story written for you by Dena Wenger. We are sure that you will enjoy these weekly stories and that you will think about them carefully. Dena Wenger has been writing stories for her own children for a long time and she knows exactly what to write for you. At the end of each of her stories, she will write a few things to think about—and we know that she will be mighty curious to know what your thoughts are. And, incidentally, if Mother and Dad have been pretty nice to you this week, you might repay them by allowing them to read the story and the rest of the Junior Post. But don't tell them that we said it.

Well, I think that is about all we can say to you this week. We'll have a letter for you every issue—that is, along as we receive letters from all of you regularly. So fill out the Junior Post application blank appearing on this page, send us your ideas and opinions, give us news stories of activities in your Jewish schools—and we'll have a bigger and better Junior Post.

The Editors.

## Rabbi Gordon Gets PhD This Month

MINNEAPOLIS—The Adath Jeshurun Clarion reported this week that Rabbi Albert I. Gordon, formerly its spiritual leader, will return to the University of Minnesota this month to receive the first PhD degree ever awarded by the school's anthropology department.

The presentation to the executive director of the United Synagogue of America will be made at the winter graduation exercises. He will publish a book next spring, "Jews in Transition."

## British-Israel Deal On Citrus Signed

LONDON—Great Britain's battle against the Jewish State has not halted the purchase of Israel's citrus products.

The British Ministry of Food has signed a contract with the Citrus Marketing Board of Israel to buy 75 per cent of this season's crop.

Similar contracts have been signed with Norway, Sweden, Holland, Czechoslovakia and Ireland. Israeli officials here said negotiations were underway with France, Denmark, Switzerland and Belgium.

## Turkish Jews Barred From Israel

ISTANBUL — (JTA) — No Turkish Jews will be permitted to leave the country for any point in Europe if they intend eventually to go to Israel, the government indicated this week, following its recent decision to halt direct immigration from Turkey to the Jewish state.

No official statement has yet been made to explain the government's complete reversal of policy in recent weeks from encouraging immigration to Israel to imposing a complete ban on it.

## British Fine Five For Israel Exports

LONDON—(JTA) — A London magistrate this week fined five persons and a corporation a total of \$6,660 after their conviction on charges of having attempted to send armored trucks to Palestine from London.

**HELLO Girls and Boys:**  
May I introduce myself? I am your story lady. In this corner each week you'll find a story. Sometimes it will be a true story; sometimes it will be an imaginary one, but always it will be a story that will give us both, you and me things to think about. Now don't you think a good way to get acquainted would be to share the things we think about? Let's do it in this column. I'll tell you what the story made me think of, and after reading it you write and tell me what it made you think of. Perhaps your folks would like to read the stories too; we could all think together and share our thoughts in our "things to think about" column.

Thoughtfully yours,  
DENA WENGER

## The Story Of Happy Bobby

This is a story about five-year-old Bobby.

Bobby is a little Jewish boy who lives in a medium sized white house, on a medium sized street, in a medium sized American city. Even Bobby himself is medium sized. He's not real big for a five year old, but he's not real little either. He's just medium. There's one thing about Bobby though that doesn't match his size and that's his love of laughter. Bobby's laugh just bubbles and bubbles inside of him until there's so much of it that it spills right out of him; and since anything that spills generally spreads so does Bobby's laughter spread to everyone around him.

Ever since Bobby's mother realized what a wonderful sense of humor and what a contagious laugh her little boy was developing, she was sorry that most people called him Bobby, because young Robert's Hebrew name was Yitzchok, and what does Yitzchok mean if not laughter? Now if any of you are wondering why medium sized Yitzchok with the not so medium sized laughter came to be called Bobby I'll tell you. How many of you little boys born five years ago bear such names as Isaac or Israel or Abraham? Not many of you, I'm sure. No matter what your Hebrew name, most of you answer to Dennis or Freddy, or Bobby or Allen. And it was only done because most American ears are not yet tuned to the beauty of Hebrew sounding names. And that is why Yitzchok is Bobby to most people.

There is one person, however, who does not call him anything but "little yitzchok," and that's Bobby's grandfather.

When he was told that the baby's birth certificate would read Robert, and that he would be nicknamed Bobby, he just wrinkled up his nose and rumbled in a deep voice, "hmmm a goyisher name; to me he will always be Yitzchok!" And so it was.

Now little Bobby, who was really laughter-loving Yitzchok, lived right next door to a little girl named Lois Johnson. They played together all the time, and because they were such good friends they shared many things with each other, their toys, their candy, and even their holidays. When it was Christmas for Lois she always invited Bobby to come to her house to see the tree. Bobby always brought a Christmas present for Lois, and he enjoyed looking at

the pretty tree too. Then when it was Chanukah for Bobby, Lois was invited to the Jewish home next door. She always brought a Chanukah present for Bobby, and Bobby's daddy always said the candle lighting prayer in English too so that Lois would understand. It was a nice friendly, American way to live with your neighbors, and Bobby and Lois not only had fun together, but they also learned things from each other too.

There was one thing Bobby learned from Lois however that made his grandfather very unhappy. When Bobby wanted some one to believe he was telling the truth he'd make the sign of a cross over his heart and say, "cross my heart and hope to die." The first time grandfather heard it he became so disturbed he forgot that he was questioning Bobby about his lost car keys.

"Vei lsmir," he cried to Bobby's mother, "what do I see little Yitzchok doing? Er zelemt sich!" Whenever Grandfather became excited he talked Jewish; he could talk faster that way.

"It's nothing, father," said Bobby's mother quite calmly. "He's just a baby. He doesn't know what he's doing. He sees Lois crossing herself so he does it too."

"And if Lois Johnson cuts off her nose so little Yitzchok should cut his off too? What kind of a business is this a Jewish child making crosses on his heart? And such words I hear: hope to die; Gott zol ihm uphten. Biz a hundert und tsvansig yohr zol er mir leben. Jews hope to live and not to die!"

Bobby's mother didn't want grandfather to get so excited. It wasn't good for his blood pressure. "Now, father," she said, "don't get upset. He doesn't really mean he hopes to die. We all hope he lives to be a hundred and twenty. Now here are your car keys. They were right here on the table. See, Yitzchok didn't take them after all. Now gei gesunterheit, and don't worry. Little Lois won't convert Bobby."

And so grandfather took his keys and left muttering under his breath, "such a name; Yitzchok becomes Bobby, and when Bobby makes crosses on his heart and hopes to die I should not get excited. Ach, Amerikaner kinder!"

Bobby's mother smiled to herself as she watched grandfather drive away. "But he is right," she thought. "It is just an expression, but Bobby could be taught



## Should Weddings Be Held Only In Homes And Synagogues.

# Rabbinical Response To Minnesota Restriction Stand Varies

The recent announcement by the Minnesota Rabbinical Association that its members will not officiate at weddings held outside the home or synagogue was drawing inconclusive reactions from other rabbis, it appeared this week.

Rabbi Tibor H. Stern of Kansas City, representing the ultra-orthodox wing of the U. S. rabbinate, joined in the stand with the flat statement that he would no officiate or even attend a wedding in a hotel, whether or not the food was kosher.

"A Religious wedding is a sacred service and not a social party; it is a ritual and not luxurious entertainment; therefore all weddings should be celebrated in a synagogue or in a private home; and in either instance, all food served at the wedding or at the reception should be one hundred per cent kosher," Rabbi Stern said in a statement to the Kansas City Jewish CHRONICLE.

A survey by the Jewish Community BULLETIN of San Francisco reported opinions of Rabbi Alvin I. Fine of Temple Emanu-el, Rabbi Elliot M. Burstein of

Temple Beth Israel, Rabbi Saul E. White of Temple Beth Shalom; and Rabbi Morris Fischel of Temple Chevra Thillim.

Rabbi Fine said he would prefer to see the ceremony performed before an altar in a synagogue but added that this was a personal and not a religious opinion.

"It is a question I would prefer to see placed before the Northern California Board of Rabbis," he said.

Rabbi Burstein said the Minnesota decision "does not strike a sympathetic chord in me." He argued that a wedding was made dignified by the way it was held not by the place.

"I have seen farcical weddings performed in holy places and beautiful ones in hotels," he said. "If people outdo each other in arranging ornate weddings anywhere at all, it is our duty to condemn the bad taste."

Rabbi Fischel said he could not support the pro-

posal. He said that no rabbi has a right to make the decision, according to traditional law. He said that tradition provided that the wedding cannot be performed even in a synagogue but "under the simple sky."

A supporting vote came from Rabbi White who said that "by and large I consider the edict a very sound one."

"It is regrettable that in some instances weddings become a matter of ostentation and frequently as much is spent on a wedding as the young groom would earn in the first year of his married life," Rabbi White declared.

He said "the synagogue and the home are definitely to be preferred over ballroom and dance hall for the intimate and significant occasions of life."

The Minnesota Rabbinical Association said, in its announcement that "only the sanctuary of the home or the sanctuary of the synagogue is an appropriate setting for so sacred a service." The ban will go into effect in Minnesota on March 1.

## Bernadotte Plan Finally Discarded

# UN Cripples Last Faint Hopes Of British For Role In Palestine

PARIS—The last faint hopes of the British for some control over the future of Arab Palestine were dealt a death blow this week in the United Nations by a strange alliance of Arab states and small nations.

As the General Assembly session moved toward its end tomorrow night, the powerful political committee adopted a resolution to set up a three-nation conciliation commission for Palestine.

The resolution vote was far short of the two-thirds needed for passage in the full general assembly and there was a chance at mid-week that it might be rejected. That would mean that the whole issue would revert back to the original partition decision.

The British also suffered a sound defeat in the decision of the steering committee to end the current session this week-end and to call a session at Lake Success on April 1.

The commission was specifically instructed to ignore the Bernadotte plan as the basis for a final settlement, in what amounted to another stunning defeat for the British. The Bernadotte plan meant virtual control for the British Foreign office of the Negev since under that plan the southern desert would have been turned over to King Abdullah of Transjordan, a British puppet.

### Not To Abdullah

Another surprising blow was the resolution's provision that the Arab portion of Palestine should

not be given to Transjordan but the conciliation commission should seek to set up an independent Arab state. That also was provided for in the original partition decision.

Reports that the United States had persuaded the British to give up their fight for the Negev in return for a promise of U. S. support to British claims on Cyrenica in eastern Libya could not be confirmed.

Cyrenica would furnish sites for the military bases the British consider indispensable in view of expanding Egyptian nationalism and its threat to the Suez canal.

### Didn't Look It

If the British had made such a deal, it could not be confirmed by their last-ditch fight against the provisions of the conciliation commission resolution and to keep the General Assembly in session.

The substance of the General Assembly meeting was to leave matters just about where they were at the start of the session last September. The decisions that established Israeli control of the Negev and the Galilee bulge were made on the battlefield, not in Paris.

## PEACE REIGNS IN PALESTINE AS UN PRESSES FOR ARMISTICE

TEL AVIV, Israel—Total peace descended on the Holy Land this week as Christians prepared to celebrate the birth of Christ—some by the famous pilgrimage to Bethlehem—and Jews made arrangements for their first Chanukah in the new Jewish State.

The sporadic cannon and gun fire that has battered new Jerusalem since the Old City fell to the Transjordan Legion during the summer was ended. A cease fire worked out through United Nations auspices was in effect.

"I am still shooting for peace by Christmas," said Brig. Gen. William Riley, chief of the UN truce commission staff, referring to efforts to establish an armistice to replace the rusty truce.

He said the Israelis were eager for an armistice but that the Egyptians were placing conditions on their acceptance.

Gen. Riley said that truce observers now were moving freely in the demilitarized zones of the Negev but that on two other problems in connection with the Security Council's Oct. 14 truce order, he was getting nowhere.

The Israelis refused to give up Beersheba, which controls the defenses of new Jerusalem and declined to negotiate on the mobile

### units guarding the Negev.

As proof of the reality of the Jerusalem cease-fire, a UN convoy made its way without incident through Arab lines to Mount Scopus, target of some of the heaviest fighting in the area.

Previously, all such convoys have been stopped, despite specific agreements by the Transjordan Legion to permit their passage.

### Austria Acts for DPs

VIENNA.—(JTA)—The Austrian Cabinet decided this week, following a request submitted by the World Jewish Congress, to extend the time limit for filing claims under the third restitution law from Dec. 31 of this year to June 30, 1949.

### Post Advertising Pays

## Genocide Pact Near UN Passage

NEW YORK — (JTA) — The adoption by the legal committee of the UN General Assembly of a genocide convention making destruction of national, ethnical, racial or religious groups an international crime, was lauded this week in a statement issued by the U. S. Committee for a United Nations Genocide Convention, over the signatures of James N. Rosenberg, chairman, and Willard Johnson, secretary.

"This is a historic step which can in future years rank with the Magna Charta and our Bill of Rights as a milestone in mankind's struggle for human rights," the statement said. "The vote for the convention was 30 in favor, none opposed. But there were eight abstentions; namely, the Soviet bloc and, to our amazement, also Great Britain. That Britain, the birthplace of Magna Charta, should have abstained from support is hard to comprehend."

Immediately after passage of the convention, which forbids the destruction in whole or in part of national, ethnical, racial or religious groups, member nations will be able to sign the convention. It will come into effect 90 days after ratification by 20 nations. Biological as well as physical destruction of groups is forbidden in the convention, which also provides apparatus for enforcement of the ban on genocide.

## Chicago Raises Jewish Teacher Levels

CHICAGO.—(NJP)—In an effort to raise Sunday school teaching standards, a committee of educators has studied the qualifications of Chicago teachers and announced certification of 96 applicants.

Those chosen received their certificates Sunday at a city-wide conference for teachers and leaders in Jewish education. Some 400 persons from Chicago and other midwest communities attended the sessions.

Certification required five years of teaching experience in Jewish schools or its equivalent. The Chicago Board of Jewish Education, which conducted the certification, has long used similar methods in setting standards for Hebrew school teachers.

### Parcels to Israel

WASHINGTON.—(JTA)—An expansion of U. S. postal service to Israel, effective immediately, was announced here this week by the Post Office Department. The new service will include regular parcel post, with a weight limit of 22 pounds per parcel.

## JEWISH LEFTWINGERS BATTLE ZIONISTS IN RUMANIA; SOME JEWS HURT

BUCHAREST—A battle between left-wing Jewish groups and Zionists in Bucharest this week left some Jews wounded.

Authorities said that the left-wing groups took over the club houses and headquarters of some Zionist groups. Zionist chutzim (pioneers) swung into action to evict the invaders and fighting continued for three days.

Zionist groups involved, officials said, included the Mizrahi religious Zionists, Poale Zion, Hechalutz, Ichud and the Zionist Bucharest local.

## ST LOUIS ZOA PLANS FOOD DRIVE OVER FEDERATION OPPOSITION

### By FRED RUSLANDER

ST. LOUIS.—(NJP)—The Zionist Organization of America pushed plans this week for a major food for Israel drive this month despite the opposition of the Jewish Federation of St. Louis.

The Federation declined to endorse the project on grounds that fund-raising for Israel takes precedence. On that basis the Federation has consistently refused endorsement to all independent campaigns.

Federation officials said they are busy preparing for the 1949 Jewish Welfare Fund campaign and expressed fears of damage to the major fund drive from many independent ones.

The Federation stand created considerable bitterness in Zionist circles and led to several meetings during the past few days. At an all-night conference Monday, it was decided to go ahead, with or without the blessing of the Federation.

### Go Ahead Anyway

The month of December has been declared "Food for Israel" month and the drive will be started Monday when Dr. David Reiss will call together the leaders of the St. Louis ZOA.

The Post learned that when the matter was first broached to Ben Shifrin, Federation president, he asked the State of Israel to notify him personally that the campaign was being undertaken at the request of the Israeli Government.

Shifrin was sent a letter from the Israeli Supply Mission, confirming Israel Government backing.

Zionist leaders are anxious to avoid an open break with the Federation which is equally deter-

mined not to antagonize the powerful Zionist groups.

Informally, the Federation took the position that it will not enter into any controversy with the food drive sponsors, that it recognizes the sincerity of the men and women in the campaign.

The Federation does not object to being by-passed by the Israel Supply Mission which went directly to local organizations for support. However, beyond with holding approval, it will take no active part in the issue.

## KKK Expanding In N. Y. And N. J.

NEW YORK.—(WNS)—The Ku Klux Klan is making rapid strides in the city and state of New York and in New Jersey, according to reports that have reached the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League here from Atlanta, national Klan headquarters.

At one Klan meeting in Atlanta it was predicted that New York "will soon have an organization like we have here and we can answer back with our might and strength." It was boasted that new "Klaverns" are being formed all over the country at the rate of one or two a week.

## Memo To An Ambitious Editorial Assistant

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